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Soccer-loving officials don't forget Paris

By JUDY SIEGEL and DAVID HARRIS

Health Minister Yehoshua Matza and half a dozen other officials happened to find themselves in France during the final week of the World Cup and have pressed the Israeli Embassy in Paris to get them tickets.

Matza is visiting Paris and Marseille as a guest of the Jewish National Fund. Although ministry spokesman Yoram Malka said that three of the six days of the trip are a "private vacation," JNF spokesman Moshe Perli said the organization's

office in France is covering not only the flights for Matza and his wife Rachel but also their accommodations for five days.

The Matzas brought along their 18-year-old son Amir - at their own expense - to attend the games.

Perli said that Matza, who also spent three days in Paris last August as a guest of the JNF, did not initiate the trip.

"Because of the World Cup games, the French are not going on their summer vacations in July and many will be in town. So our French office has organized fund-raising meetings in Paris and Marseille for

physicians, and they invited Matza to address them."

Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert is also in the French capital this week, but the municipality's press office said it is a private trip that Olmert paid for himself.

He has taken one of his sons with him and is not conducting any official business while abroad.

"He deserves a holiday once every few years," said a spokeswoman.

Histadrut Chairman and Labor MK Amir Peretz begins a seven-day trip to France today, and has already bought his \$200 ticket for the final.

"I've got a series of meetings in

Paris with members of the administration and several professionals," said Peretz. "It's perfectly logical that people arrange these trips around the time of the semifinals and final."

Foreign Ministry Director-General Eytan Bentsur will be touching down in Paris today en route to Brussels, where he will be holding talks tomorrow and Thursday with senior European Union officials. The purpose of his stopover - a grandstand seat for the World Cup semifinal tonight between Brazil and Holland.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman

said the additional costs for the flights, hotel and incidental expenses will be covered by Bentsur.

One government source suggested that Education Minister Yitzhak Levy hoped to visit Paris early next week, but Levy's aide Yizhak Rath dismissed this.

"He has no journeys abroad planned for this month whatsoever," said Rath.

"This is an unprecedented number of VIPs traveling to Paris," said a Jerusalem official who deals with overseas trips. "At any one time there may [usually] be one or two people but that's it."

Immediately after the World Cup, former prime minister Shimon Peres, Communications Minister Limor Livnat and the prime minister's foreign policy adviser Uzi Arad are also scheduled to visit Paris.

Matza, who had originally pressed Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to make him tourism minister, is one of the best-travelled health ministers in recent memory. According to ministry deputy director-general for information Yair Amikam, since March 1997, Matza has made 13 trips abroad, nearly all of them accompanied by his wife.

They have been to Rumania (to facilitate adoptions for a number of Israeli families); China (an exchange visit); Geneva (for World Health Organization meetings); Panama and Mexico (Israel Bonds); Paris (JNF); New York (American Red Magen David for Israel); Istanbul (WHO regional meetings); Italy and Greece (health matters); Washington (Magen David Adom); Prague and Auschwitz (Israel Bonds); Geneva (WHO); New York (UN meeting on drugs); and now France. He is expected to fly to Cyprus in August to renew a medical cooperation agreement.

UN likely to pass weaker resolution on PA status

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - The General Assembly today is expected to pass a weakened resolution that would fine-tune, but not upgrade, the Palestinians' observer status at the UN.

"This is not a change in status," said Hans Peter Manz, the deputy ambassador at the UN mission of Austria, which currently heads the European Union.

The EU is supporting the resolution, which was negotiated with the Arab Group.

"We are defining the observer status explicitly," Manz said, adding that there are no provisions in the UN charter that define observers.

The Palestinians specifically remain in the "observer" category, and the resolution does not contravene the Oslo Accords, he said.

The resolution would extend some of the Palestinian observer's procedural rights, but would not sanction some politically sensitive and highly symbolic gestures.

One such gesture was a bid to move the Palestinian observer to a seat with the Arab members in the center of the General Assembly.

"That would have undermined the 'quasi-state' status," Manz said.

"Israel continues to strongly oppose the granting of added

rights and privileges to the PLO observer," said Israeli Ambassador to the UN Dore Gold. "We see it as attempt to further politicize the UN with issues that should be discussed between the parties."

In December, the Arab Group tried to upgrade the Palestinian observer's status by extending the definition of observer in order to get "quasi-state" rights.

That resolution was withdrawn after the EU led what amounted to a procedural defeat in the assembly.

In exchange for European support, this resolution was depleted of its political meaning, said a ranking Israeli source, adding that the Europeans had "robbed the Palestinians of a symbolic victory."

For example, the December draft resolution was titled "Full Participation of Palestine in the UN." The word "Full" no longer appears.

Today's vote is considered a certainty, as the Palestinians have the support of more than 100 members of the Non-Aligned Movement. The resolution would apply only to the Palestinians, and not to the Vatican or Switzerland, the other prominent observers. Observer status was granted to the PLO in 1974.

Also at the UN, the Security Council has delayed action on a resolution that would condemn Israel for the Jerusalem expansion plan. The council is expected to deal with that issue later in the week, although its moves were uncertain.

PM, Barak in harsh exchange

Trade barbs, telephone numbers of media advisors during Knesset debate

By LIAT COLLINS

Swapping telephone numbers, but not their own, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and opposition leader Labor MK Ehud Barak vigorously attacked each other in the Knesset plenum yesterday.

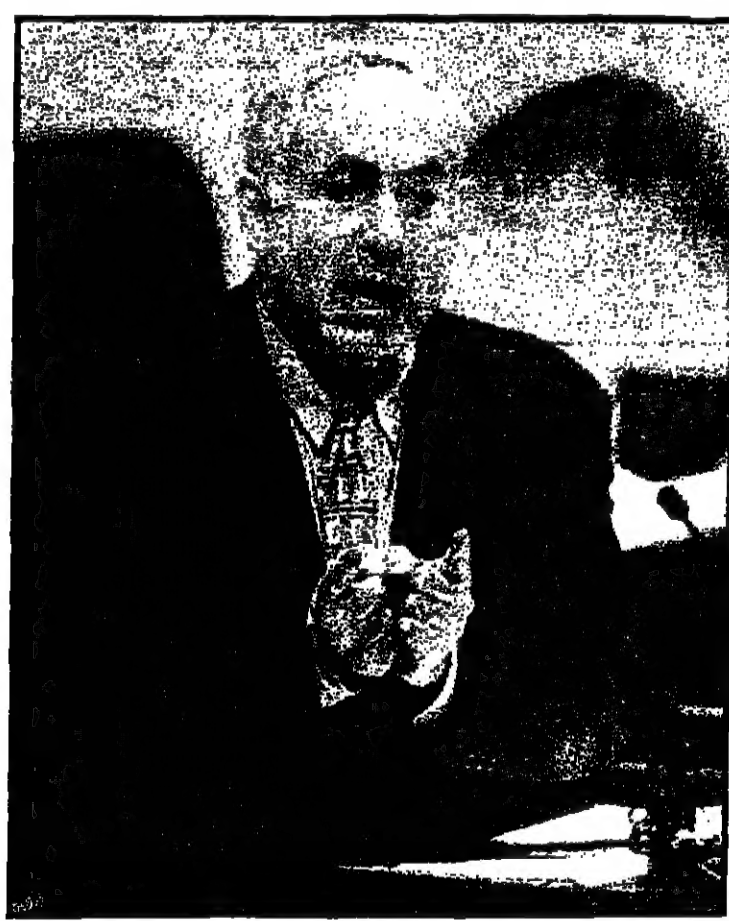
Netanyahu's first address to the Knesset on the peace process in seven months quickly descended into a volley of slurs and accusations.

After a more lively debate than it has seen for a long time, the Knesset yesterday adopted the policy statement given by Netanyahu by a vote of 43-42 with two abstentions.

Third Way MK Emanuel Zissman was persuaded to vote at



Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu (right) and Labor Party chairman Ehud Barak in the Knesset yesterday. (Isaac Harari, AP)



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the last moment, when the roll call of names was being called out a second time.

Netanyahu was forced to address the Knesset after the opposition used a clause in the House Rules which requires him to give a statement once a month if 40 MKs demand it.

Opposition MKs are promising to use this clause again in the future since the coalition has stopped attending weekly no-confidence motions, knowing that the opposition does not have the necessary 61 MKs to pass them.

The highlight of the debate was Netanyahu and Labor Party leader Ehud Barak exchanging telephone numbers of their media advisers.

In his opening speech, Barak gave out the New York telephone number 914-591-8142 which

belongs to the prime minister's media consultant Arthur Finkelstein.

"[Yasser] Arafat is not willing to talk to you," Barak said, referring to the Palestinian leader.

"[US President] Bill Clinton doesn't listen to you," [US Secretary of State] Madeleine Albright is tired of your words. [Jordan's] King Hussein refuses to talk to you.

"[Egyptian] President Mubarak is not willing to respond to you.

Our president refuses to help you... Whom will you call, who will answer you?" Barak said.

Barak said this is the only number at which Netanyahu could find someone to talk to, since he has distanced international leaders and even members of his own cabinet.

Netanyahu, in return, said he had heard of a 202, Washington number belonging to Barak's reported adviser, Stanley Greenberg.

Netanyahu also listed a large

number of Labor MKs who have said Barak should be replaced as party leader because he is unsuitable.

"I think he is very suitable to be opposition leader," Netanyahu said. "I'm sure he will continue to successfully fill this role for many years to come, and it's possible he won't be ousted from it."

Regarding the peace process, Netanyahu said the gaps concerning the second and third redeployments had been greatly reduced,

but the issue of reciprocity continued to be violated by the Palestinians.

"The question which still stands at the moment in the negotiations is the Palestinian fulfillment of commitments," Netanyahu said. "Regarding our part in the negotiations, the matter could be concluded in a short time if there is Palestinian readiness to fulfill their part."

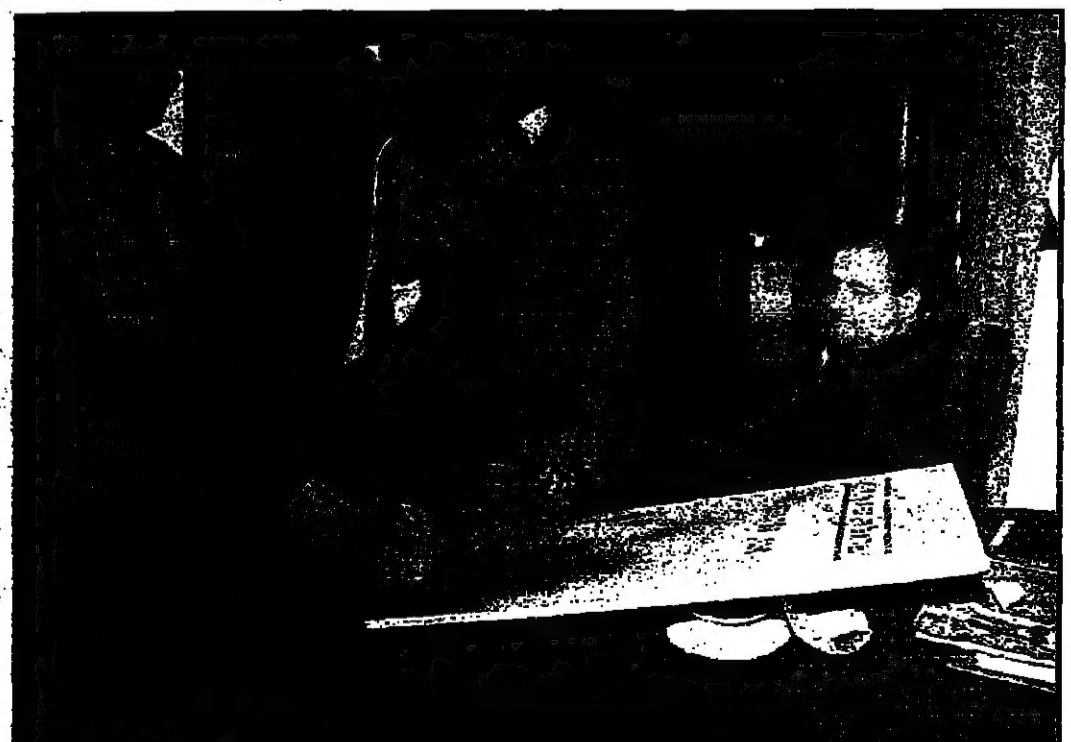
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Clinton-Yeltsin summit in September

WASHINGTON (AP) - US President Bill Clinton said yesterday he has agreed to hold a summit meeting with Russian President Boris Yeltsin in early September in Moscow.

The White House issued a brief written statement saying Clinton asked Vice President Al Gore to use his July 23-24 meetings in Moscow with Russian officials to prepare the agenda for the summit. No dates for the summit were announced.

The Russians had been pressing Clinton to visit this summer, but the administration has said it would prefer to wait until the Russian legislature ratifies the START II nuclear arms treaty.



Weizman signs on

President Ezer Weizman signs a copy of the Declaration of Independence that was signed by 532,789 residents, whose signatures were collected in a special campaign for the state's jubilee sponsored by the New Israel Fund and 'Yediot Aharonot.' The signatures will be stored at Independence Hall in Tel Aviv. At the ceremony at Beit Hanassi, Weizman said the challenge facing the Israeli people is in many ways greater than the one faced 50 years ago, "since it's easier to conduct a revolution than to deal with its results."

Two more near-drownings, as body of missing boy found

By DAVID RUDGE

Two more people were plucked from the water yesterday in near-drowning incidents, while the body of a youngster who went missing in the sea near Acre was found on Sunday afternoon.

Misha Mishiyev, 11, had been visiting Israel with his parents from New York for the summer vaca-

tion. His body was washed ashore 500 meters from the Argaman beach.

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Beach where he had originally been swept out to sea.

All of Acre's beaches have been

closed and bathing prohibited by the Health Ministry because of lack of funds.

Mishiyev's death brought to three the number of people drowned along the coast in the past few days, while at least four others have been seriously injured elsewhere.

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Shoval, Foreign Ministry differ over US embassy personnel

By JAY BUSHINSKY

Sharp differences came to light yesterday between the Foreign Ministry's staff committee and US ambassador-designate Zalman Shoval over the makeup of the Israeli embassy's personnel in Washington.

They centered on Shoval's preferences for the posts of secretary to the ambassador and embassy spokesman, but concerned other

posts as well.

According to sources, Shoval is interested in replacing the incumbent secretary with Naomi Singer, wife of the ministry's former legal adviser, Yoel Singer.

The committee took particular exception to Shoval's request that Avinoam Bar-Yosef, a prominent journalist and Jerusalem Post columnist be named embassy spokesman rather than Marc Regav, a career diplomat.

Shoval told The Jerusalem Post he "asked that various people be appointed" on the grounds that it is the right of every head of mission to work "with people he knows or whose abilities [he] recognizes."

However, he said, all appointments to the embassy "have been coordinated between the Foreign Ministry and me."

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NEWS

in brief

Sara Netanyahu hosts ambassadors' wives

Sara Netanyahu yesterday hosted the wives of some 50 ambassadors to Israel, as well as the Kazakhstan ambassador, whose husband did not accompany her. "I have a dream," the prime minister's wife told the gathering. "I would like my two sons, Avner and Yair, to play in kindergarten with children who are Egyptian, Jordanian, Palestinian, Syrian and Lebanese." Nagwa Bassiouny, wife of the Egyptian ambassador, said events such as yesterday's are an important part of making peace. "There is a great deal of power in women's hands and, as the prime minister's wife, I believe that Sara holds in her hands the opportunity to influence and to bring people closer together," she said. *Itim*

Motorcyclist killed on Beersheba-Arad Road

Avner Rubin, 27, of Arad, was killed early yesterday morning when his motorcycle overturned on the Beersheba-Arad Road. The driver of a passing car found him dead on the road about 16 km from Arad and alerted traffic police. They said later it appeared that Rubin had braked suddenly and they were investigating why. *Itim*

Ambassador: US supports Israel

Celebrating 22 years of American independence yesterday, US Ambassador Edward Walker said that the United States supports Israel. In a speech given in fluent Hebrew to guests who included Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at his residence in Herzliya, Walker said this was not motivated by economics or politics but by principles. Netanyahu said that the United States and Israel share a common goal — peace in the Middle East — "even though they may disagree from time to time on how to achieve it." *Jay Bushinsky*

Egypt refusing to release Irish tourist

Egyptian authorities are refusing to release an Irish tourist who mistakenly crossed into Egypt on Friday, and friends of his learned he had been taken to a Suez jail and would be charged with spying. Israeli, British and Irish officials have stepped up their efforts to secure his freedom. Gerry Bowdren, 33, a nurse of British and Irish citizenship, was apparently hiking in over 40-degree heat, and accidentally crossed the border near Eilat. When Egypt confirmed late Saturday that it was holding Bowdren, the authorities there said he would be returned to Israel on Sunday morning. But when friends went to the border crossing on Sunday to collect him, they were told Bowdren was to be charged with spying. As of last night, neither the Foreign Ministry nor the British Embassy had been able to get more information about Bowdren from Egyptian officials. *Itim*

Prince Hassan to visit Haifa U.

By DAVID RUDGE

Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan is to visit in the near future — but as a guest of Haifa University and not the government.

The crown prince accepted an invitation to visit Haifa when he hosted leading academics from the university at his office in the royal palace in Amman on Sunday.

The meeting took place at the same time that King Hussein was participating in the trilateral summit in Cairo with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat.

The three leaders expressed sharp criticism of the deadlocked peace process and the Israeli decision to expand Jerusalem.

Hassan, however, did not hesitate to accept the invitation to visit Haifa University, despite what senior officials there described as the almost non-existent relations between Israel and the Hashemite kingdom at this time.

"I personally see the crown prince's upcoming visit as a positive and welcome step which is for the benefit of all, despite the present situation," said Prof. Joseph Ginat, a Haifa University specialist in social and cultural anthropology, focusing on Middle Eastern societies.

"This shows the dichotomy between the political channels and the academic-cultural ones in relations between Jordan and Israel," Ginat said.

Ginat, together with Rector Prof. Gad Gilbar, Dr. Onn Winckler and Dr. Ibrahim Geris, head of the university's Jewish-Arab Center, met with Hassan to present him with a book for which he and former prime minister Shimon Peres wrote the foreword.

The book, edited by Ginat and Winckler, is based on papers submitted by academics and leading public figures from Israel, Jordan, Egypt and the PA, at a conference held in Amman and later at Haifa University in December 1996.



Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan (UPPA)

Report: PA smuggling weapons, ignores Hamas infrastructure

By STEVE RODAN

The Palestinian Authority has launched a drive to smuggle banned weapons and munitions, including anti-tank shells, into the territories in an attempt to expand and improve its fighting capability, an Israeli intelligence report says.

The report, obtained by *The Jerusalem Post*, also says the PA has refrained from striking at the Islamic terrorist infrastructure in the territories, and instead opts for low-scale operations in response to intelligence on impending attacks.

The intelligence report examines PA policy toward terrorism by

Hamas, Islamic Jihad and other opposition Palestinian groups over the past 10 months amid US and European efforts to improve the authority's ability to combat anti-Israel attacks. The report also examines PA willingness to maintain security cooperation with Israel.

"A continuous effort, directed by official (PA) security sources, is to smuggle weapons into the PA areas with the aim to increase and broaden the range of the amount and quality of weapons in their possession, including...anti-tank missiles," the report says.

The report says the effort includes attempts to smuggle weapons from Jordan via the Dead Sea and from

PM: No settlement annexation yet

By DAN IZENBERG

The government will oppose a private member's bill tantamount to annexing settlements in the territories, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said yesterday.

The bill was approved for first reading yesterday by the Knesset Law Committee.

According to the proposal, Israeli law will apply in all Jewish local and regional councils in the territories.

According to the current legal situation, the residents of the Jewish towns and villages in the territories are governed by military law.

"This is an extremely important decision, not one to be made by a few MKs, as distinguished as they may be," said Netanyahu after the committee voted 3-2 in favor of the bill initiated by Benny Elon (Mokedet). "This is a decision for the government to make. The government has not made such a decision and will oppose the private initiative to pass it in the Knesset."

The three MKs who voted for the bill were Elon, committee chairman Hanan Porat (NRP) and Michael Kleiner (Geshet). Dedi Zucker (Meretz) and Yossi Beilin (Labor) voted against.

Porat said the law did not call for the annexation of the territory. Its purpose, he added, was to "correct an injustice whereby the Jewish residents of Judea, Samaria and Gaza are second-class citizens, because Israeli law does not apply to them. As I see it, as a resident of Judea, Samaria and Gaza, this is an intolerable situation, both as a matter of principle and in practical terms."

According to Elon, "the judicial changes that have taken place since the signing of the Oslo agreements have transferred most of the Arabs in the territories to Palestinian jurisdiction. The only

people remaining under military jurisdiction are the Jews, and this is a ridiculous situation."

In his preface to the bill, Elon wrote that his proposal would put an end to the discrimination against the Jewish residents in the territories, who pay income tax, customs and levies like all Israeli citizens, but could be put on trial in a military court.

Zucker said the committee's approval of the law was the "most far-reaching annexation of the state of Israel ever carried out. In the context of Porat's struggle with Netanyahu, Porat has approved a proposal which will set the entire

world abuzz, because, after it passed, there will be no further need to annex the territories."

Deputy Attorney-General Matityahu Mazuz told the committee the government opposes the bill. He added that Israeli jurisdiction is applied to Jewish residents of the territories being tried in Israeli courts.

"The government's approach is that specific problems should be solved in practical way, by making specific Israeli laws applicable to residents of the territories without the need arises, rather than looking for declarative solutions," he said.

Liat Collins contributed to this report

Dahlan, IDF officers meet to ease Gaza road tensions

By STEVE RODAN and MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Senior Israeli and Palestinian Authority officers met yesterday in a marathon session to defuse tensions in Gaza following last week's showdown between troops from both sides.

The meetings began on Sunday night between PA Preventive Security Apparatus head Mohammed Dahlan and OC Southern Command Maj.-Gen. Yom Tov Samia and continued yesterday. Dahlan and Samia were joined yesterday by the government coordinator for the territories, Maj.-Gen. Ya'acov Orr, and PA Civil Affairs head Jamil Tarifi.

At yesterday's four-hour session they discussed ways to allow Palestinian motorists to use Gaza roads that have been closed to them. PA officials insisted that the interim agreements allowed freedom of movement of Palestinians throughout Gaza.

Sources attending the meeting said that the two sides reached an understanding on several topics, but not a formal agreement. They also agreed to tour the disputed road through Gush Katif before they decide on any new arrangements.

Earlier, Dahlan told reporters in Gaza that his aim is to reach a settlement that will allow Palestinians to freely use the road near Gush Katif. He said that according to the accords the PA has signed with Israel, Palestinian motorists can use three roads that connect Deir al-Balah, Khan Yunis, and Rafiah.

Dahlan said that agreement must be implemented. He dismissed Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's assertion that the PA wants to change the accords as untrue.

Meanwhile, settlers warned that if the IDF allows the coastal road in Gush Katif to be opened to Palestinian vehicles, they will block roads in Judea and Samaria and Gaza in response. The decision was one of several contingency plans made at an emergency meeting held at Kfar Darom on Sunday night in response to last Thursday's blockade of roads and intersections by Palestinian security forces.

Yehudit Jayar, spokeswoman of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, warned that residents won't sit quietly as they did last Thursday.



Turkish foreign minister arrives

Turkish Foreign Minister Ismail Cem (left) is welcomed by Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein upon his arrival in Israel yesterday. Cem's official itinerary begins today with a ceremonial stop at Yad Vashem and talks with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. He will be in the country until Friday and may include a session with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat in his schedule.

(Text: Jay Bushinsky; Photo: Yitzhak Eshar/Scoop 80)

Second youth detained in Hebron attack

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

A 16-year-old Jewish boy from the southern Hebron hill region was detained until this evening by Jerusalem Magistrates Court yesterday. Police believe he was one of three youths who rode on horseback brandishing chains, injuring a Palestinian youth and smashing Arab vehicles near Kiryat Arba last Friday.

The minor detained yesterday, he said, is partially cooperating with police investigators.

Another suspect, Netanel Nir, was remanded for five days by the court on Sunday. "We know for sure that three suspects were

involved in Friday's attack," said Judea and Samaria Police Spokesman Opher Sivan.

Sivan said police have not ruled out that additional suspects were involved in a spate of recent incidents in which Arab vehicles and property were damaged.

According to a Channel 2 report, the attacks on Arab property in the Hebron area are in response to the murder of Dov Driben at the Maon farm in April. The report said Driben's father Eddy has refused to cooperate or divulge the identity of the suspects who are believed to have borrowed the horses from his farm in Kiryat Arba and stayed at his home during Shabbat.

The minor detained reportedly worked at the Maon farm. Charges by the police that he was involved in the incident were denied by his lawyer Naftali Wertzberger, who is also representing Nir.

AP adds

IDF troops scuffled with Palestinians and settlers in Hebron yesterday after each side blamed the other for carrying out violent attacks.

Some 30 settlers who blocked a main thoroughfare to protest a firebomb they said was thrown at one of their compounds pushed and shoved IDF soldiers who tried to force them back off the road. Moments later, a Palestinian-

owned carpet and housewares shop along the street caught fire. Palestinian shopkeepers managed to extinguish it quickly and accused the settlers of setting the blaze. The ruckus brought dozens of angry Palestinians out of their shops and into the street, but troops managed to calm the area and by dusk, both sides headed home.

Later last night, another outbreak of violence erupted when some 20 Palestinian youths took to the streets and rooftops of the city's center and threw stones and fire bombs towards Israeli soldiers. Palestinian police broke up the protesters and there were no injuries.

PM demands concrete steps from PA

By LIAT COLLINS

A new buzzword was created in the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee session yesterday: "concretization."

This is the word Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu reportedly used repeatedly to stress that Israel is not demanding more promises from the Palestinians but concrete actions.

"We're not prepared for this system of territories for talk, only a timetable for implementation," he said.

Talking to reporters after the meeting, Netanyahu said that it is the lack of reciprocity which is holding up the second further redeployment.

The committee was shown video footage that the Peace for Generations group collected from the children's programs of the Palestinian Authority broadcasting station. In it young children can be

seen calling for attacks on Israel.

Excerpts from the recent broadcasts were shown to reporters separately. Among the snippets shown were young girls, some who looked about four years old, saying things like, "I want to be a suicide warrior in a battle dress" and "We will march as warriors of jihad [holy war]."

Netanyahu called the programs "horrific propaganda."

"We want a real peace with the Palestinians and a real peace doesn't mean that the Palestinian official television broadcast day in day out horrific propaganda telling youngsters to immolate themselves and conduct suicide raids and shed the blood of Jews and Israelis. It's completely contrary to peace."

He repeated a similar message later in his policy address in the plenum.

The prime minister also said he stood behind the decisions taken

concerning the Gush Katif blockade on Friday and rejected criticism that he had lied to the cabinet about this.

"In private conversations with ministers, the prime minister can express his opinion on this or that matter during the decision-making process, but from the minute the decision was taken, I gave it full approval and stood behind it," he said. "From my point of view, the important thing is the two goals I set were attained, that is that the situation was restored to what it had been, without bloodshed."

National Infrastructure Minister

Ariel Sharon openly questioned Netanyahu's credibility yesterday when he said he was not surprised Netanyahu had given contradictory statements on the agreement which ended the stand off in Gaza.

Sharon insisted his telephone conversation with Netanyahu last Friday "was not a private one. Asked whether he was surprised by Netanyahu's changing his version of the agreement over the weekend, Sharon replied briefly "no."

Michal Yudelman contributed to this report.

The unveiling of the tombstone of my beloved wife

RUTH FISCHMAN RACKMAN

will take place on Thursday, July 9, 1998 at 5 p.m. at the Eretz Hahayim Cemetery (on the road to Beit Shemesh).

A bus will depart from the Stollman Administration Building on the Bar-Ilan University campus in Ramat Gan at 3:45 p.m. and will return to the campus upon conclusion of the ceremony.

Rabbi Emanuel Rackman and Family

Mevasseret council threatens to fight J'lem plan in court

By AMY KLEIN

Residents of Mevasseret Zion — one of the Jerusalem umbrella municipality communities — will fight it in the High Court if it is approved, Margaret Apelboim, spokeswoman for the Council for the Common Struggle for the Local Council and its Residents, said yesterday.

"We are opposed to the transfer of the building and planning

department to the Jerusalem municipality," said Apelboim, explaining that if the Jerusalem municipality had control of Mevasseret Zion lands, it could use them for its own purposes, surrounding them with low-rent housing and high tech buildings.

"We must continue to express our opposition to every aspect of the plan," read a memorandum sent out yesterday to all members of the council.

Clarification:

In the report "Polls show conflicting Barak-Netanyahu results" (July 5), it should be noted that the Dahaf poll interviewed a representative sample of 502 Israeli adult citizens and the Israel Gallup survey interviewed 500 Jewish citizens over the age of 18.

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סלימא מוסא

Beware mayhem at swimming pools

IN CONTEXT

By HERS KEMON

"You are requested to swim only on authorized beaches, during hours when there are life guards," a voice that conjures up images of a curly-haired, tanned life-guard with swelling pectoral muscles bellows from the radio.

"Don't leave children unattended, and listen to the lifeguard's directives." The advertisement is sponsored by the Interior Ministry, responsible for supervision of the country's beaches. It comes in the midst of a lifeguard strike in Haifa and a number of drownings that have plagued the country's beaches. But what of swimming pools?

Yesterday, an eight-year-old girl nearly drowned while swimming in a pool in the Jerusalem Forest; she was taken to Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem, and listed in critical condition. The day before, a nine-year-old Migdal Ha'emek girl nearly drowned at a pool at Kibbutz Ramat David; she was rushed to Ha'emek Hospital in Afula and listed in moderate condition. And on Thursday, a 10-year-old Bnei Barak boy drowned in a pool at Kibbutz Hafez Haim.

It is summer camp time, and pools are swarming with pushing, screaming, fighting, jumping, splashing kids. The law stipulates that there should be one life guard on duty for a half-sized Olympic pool, and another assistant lifeguard when day camps use the pool. It also stipulates that there needs to be one counselor for



Children swim at Moadon Kaplan in Tel Aviv.

(Lias Shapiro)

every kid up to fourth grade, and one counselor for every 20 children above that age.

But the law is dry. Some of the regulations are observed, and others are not. The police are investigating whether the Hafez Haim pool was operating under acceptable standards, and whether there was negligence on the part of the Migdal Ha'emek day camp.

"You see the way people act on the road," said Shmuel Smolov, a 30-year-veteran lifeguard, and spokesman for the Tel Aviv lifeguard association. "They act the same way in the water. The results are apparent to all."

Smolov said that parents, guardians or caretakers who may be very careful with their charges at the beaches, have a tendency to let their guard down at swimming pools. "These types of drownings happen every summer," he said. "Pools are dangerous, especially

where the pool slopes from the shallow to deep water. When a lot of kids go in at once, it is mayhem. They get pushed and shoved and can be swept into water that is not suitable. They can drown within seconds."

According to Benny Yosef, the manager of the Beit Zayit swimming pool near Jerusalem, one of the major problems with the summer camps is that the counselors who are with the kids and need to entertain them all day, see the pool as an opportunity to get away from the children for a few minutes.

"The counselors are not always with the kids at the pool, and that is the problem," Yosef said. "There is a lifeguard, but there is a limit to what the lifeguard can do. As good as the lifeguard is, there is a possibility of a child drowning in the couple minutes when the lifeguard is not looking in that direction. When there are

campers, there are two lifeguards, one on either side of the pool. But the counselors have to pay attention. If they do, everything is okay. But if they come to the pool looking for some time off, that is when the trouble happens."

Yosef said that the counselors are necessary just to control the kids who, when they come to the pool, "go wild."

"We are constantly arguing with the counselors to pay attention to the kids, to control them," Yosef said. "Kids who are great at home, go crazy when they get together at a pool. The counselors have to watch that the kids just behave themselves."

Yosef said many pool accidents are the result of wild play. "They come here to let loose, to go wild. But when you are wild, someone is likely to get hurt, and when this happened in the water, the dangers are that much greater."

Amelia Cohen's father: Her death was murder

By LIAT COLLINS

"Enough tragedies," shouted Avraham Cohen at MKs in the Knesset Education Committee yesterday.

Cohen, the father of Amelia, who fell to her death from a school window in Jerusalem last month, told the committee, "I'm here on a double mission: on behalf of my daughter Amelia of blessed memory and on behalf of all the children in Israel. This tragedy could have been prevented."

He said he had warned of the need to replace the window bars in Amelia's classroom for 10 months. The bars were removed from the second-story room during renovations.

The Jerusalem Municipality, for financial reasons, did not replace them, said Cohen. "It costs NIS 7 a child to put the bars back in place. Amelia's life was worth NIS 7 for, after all the bars existed, they just needed to be put back in place."

Protective metal screens were installed at the school yesterday.

"Everyone hides behind 'regu-



Avraham Cohen addresses MKs at the Knesset Education Committee meeting yesterday.

(Arie Jerolimski)

He said his office is carrying out a survey of safety measures in schools to amend deficiencies.

He said the investigative committee should have finished its work on Sunday but was delayed by a change in its composition.

Simha Seneor, head of the Education Ministry's development authority, told the committee that responsibility for carrying out construction work in schools lies with the local authorities.

Shai Lahman, head of the National Parents Association, said the death of schoolchildren is "the result of negligence. If safety deficiencies in schools aren't fixed the school year will not start."

The committee, chaired by MK Emanuel Zissman (Third Way), also adopted a resolution saying the start of the school year would be delayed if safety hazards are not removed.

The committee expects to discuss the conclusions of the investigations by the ministry and municipality by the end of the month and will meet during the recess to discuss implementing the recommendations.

Hanegbi condemns Tichon statements

By LIAT COLLINS

Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi yesterday strongly criticized Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon for saying this week that the Knesset and Supreme Court could be on a collision course because of judicial intervention in the work of the legislators and for warning that the Knesset might enact "Supreme Court bypass laws" in defense.

In a debate in the Knesset plenum, Hanegbi said Tichon's statements "harmed the rule of law."

Shas MKs, however, came to Tichon's defense. Hanegbi said Tichon had made a mistake.

"No threats — as subtle as they might be — should be made," Hanegbi said.

He added that the Supreme Court would continue to carry out its work.

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid published a statement calling Tichon's word "a cheek" and said Tichon should speak only in his own name not in the name of the Knesset and all MKs.

"If Tichon doesn't know his limits, the Knesset will have to limit him instead," Sarid said.

Love triangle ends in poisoning, 2 stabbings

A love triangle led to a Tel Aviv prostitute drinking rat poison and to the stabbing of two of her friends yesterday, according to Tel Aviv police.

According to police, the prostitute, 41, a resident of the Hatikvah neighborhood of Tel Aviv, had two male friends, a 70-year-old and a 30-year-old.

The older man remained with the prostitute yesterday morning. When the younger man came an argument broke out, and both of the men were stabbed.

The older man was found on the street a number of meters from the prostitute's house with stab wounds. Police suspect that the prostitute and her younger friend made a deal to kill the older man.

The three were taken to Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv. The younger man told police investigators at the hospital that the older man stabbed him. The older man said it was the woman who stabbed him.

Police said it has not been decided whether the suspects will be arrested.

The woman was listed in satisfactory condition after undergoing treatment to counteract the rat poison she drank. It was unclear whether she drank the poison before or after the stabbings.

By Gil Hoffman and Itim

Survivors' fund preparing suit against Swiss central bank

By news agencies

Lawyers for the World Jewish Restitution Organization are preparing a possible class action suit against Switzerland's central bank for allegedly profiting from Nazi looting of Holocaust victims, a spokesman for the group said yesterday.

Jewish Agency chairman Avraham Burg, co-chairman of the WJRO, has asked the group's legal adviser to prepare a class

action suit against the Swiss National Bank, as well as against private Swiss banks and other companies believed to have profited from dealings with the Nazis, spokesman Yoram Dori said.

Unlike previous class action suits filed against the Swiss banks on behalf of Holocaust survivors, Dori said the WJRO suit would be filed "in the name of the Jewish people."

Switzerland's three biggest banks — Credit Suisse, Swiss Bank

Corp. and Union Bank of Switzerland, the latter two which have since merged — last month offered \$600 million to settle claims that they stole the assets of Holocaust victims. The offer was immediately rejected by attorneys for the claimants and Jewish leaders.

The fund set up by Swiss banks and businesses to help needy Holocaust victims said yesterday it would keep paying money to victims of Nazi persecution

despite the trans-Atlantic row over Switzerland's wartime role.

The 273 million Swiss franc (\$178.9 million) fund, established last year, has already paid out 31 million francs and approved distributing another 50 million soon.

It rejected accusations in some media accounts that infighting between board members named by Switzerland and those nominated by Jewish groups had held up disbursements.

HEBREW PRESS REVIEW

By ORLY AHARONI

Explosive situation
Last week's standoff in Gaza "is a warning, maybe the last one," predicts Uri Avnery in *Ma'ariv*.

He believes that it was a miracle that violence did not erupt. "Any such continuing arbitrary act of the arrogant occupation that harasses the Palestinians every day could ignite the fire."

But Moshe Zak, also in *Ma'ariv*, says the IDF gave in to the Palestinians and as a result damaged its power of deterrence, which may lead to bloodshed in the future.

"[Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat] concluded from this event that the road is open for additional conflicts...we have planted faith in his heart that after this prece-

dent he could advance towards concrete facts in May 1999."

Carmi Gillon in *Yediot Aharonot* claims that this incident has raised the serious issue of the future of the settlements. He adds that this is solely a political matter.

"Leaving the issue in the professional hands of IDF means failing to take responsibility for a decision."

Yediot's Nahum Barnea refers to the confusion regarding the degree of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's involvement in and support of the resolution of the Gaza dispute.

"It seems that Netanyahu has difficulty in accepting responsibility for good decisions, as well," he writes, claiming that the contradic-

tions indicate that the "siege on Netanyahu imposed by his government is worse than the siege imposed on the Gaza settlers."

Path of destruction
"We are dealing with a daily war of attrition," writes *Yediot's* Roni Shaked, referring to settlers on horseback rampaging through a Palestinian neighborhood in Hebron.

"The police and IDF are attempting to keep these actions to a minimum, but no one is deluding himself: this war of attrition cannot be stopped."

Ma'ariv's Rafi Man states that the latest vandalism indicates that devotion to the holy sites has turned into

madness for some.

Who's to blame?
The endless attacks on Netanyahu concern writers who believe that the prime minister is occasionally being blamed when he is not at fault.

Both Nadav Ha'tzni in *Ma'ariv* and Amos Carmel in *Yediot* discuss the memorial service for the victims of the Cafe Apropo suicide bombing last year, at which Netanyahu and his policies were blamed.

Ha'tzni believes that a dangerous philosophy is emerging, "which says your government is your true enemy, while the side that is responsible for the massacre, alienates you from the world and incites against your country, is your friend."

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Arutz 7 solution to Channel 2 council

By DAN IZENBERG

The 15-member Council of the Second Television and Radio Authority will meet on Thursday to consider a proposal by Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein to establish a regional radio station in the West Bank and Gaza.

The proposal is essentially aimed at finding a solution to the illegal status of Arutz 7. However, it includes a public tender open to all applicants who can meet the required criteria.

Yesterday, Rubinstein presented his ideas to Council chairman Gideon Doron and Authority director-general Nahman Shal.

According to the proposal, four people will be added to the Council exclusively for its deal-

ings with the new regional station in the administered territories. The four will include three residents of the settlements, to be chosen by Education Minister Yitzhak Levy, and a Ministry of Defense appointee.

The Council, including the four additional members, will decide which of the applicants for the tender wins the franchise and will also supervise the operation of the station once it gets underway. The four extra members will not participate in the Council's dealings with the other 14 regional radio stations, all of which are inside the Green Line.

In addition to the above, the Second Authority will appoint an advisory committee to draw up the tender. The Second Authority spokeswoman explained that this

is standard procedure.

The advisory committee offers advice on the technical, economic and contents requirements of the tender. After the franchise is awarded, the advisory committee will become a regional committee which will help supervise the operation of the station.

According to the spokeswoman, the Second Television and Radio Authority Law provides for such committees in all the regions, but this will be the first one to be established. Rubinstein did not specify who will be appointed to the regional committee. The spokeswoman said no decisions were taken at yesterday's meeting. On Thursday, Deputy Attorney-General Manny Mazuz will present the proposal to the Council.

ADL: Antisemitism has increased in Far East, Switzerland

By NOAH STREET

Antisemitism still rises and ebbs according to world events, Anti-Defamation League National Director Abraham H. Foxman told a Knesset forum yesterday.

He was addressing the Knesset Forum for the Combat of Antisemitism and Xenophobia yesterday on antisemitic trends around the world.

Foxman said that in the Far East "globalism" is causing a resurgence in viewing the Jew as a scapegoat for economic problems, despite the very small Jewish population in those areas. For instance, in October 1997, Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad accused Jewish speculators of causing instability in the Malaysian ringgit and stock market.

Concerning Switzerland, Foxman stated that the ongoing settlement discussions with Swiss banks have caused an outbreak of antisemitism in the country. He cited an internal memo that the Swiss ambassador to Washington sent last winter. The memo said that Jewish organizations are the enemy and cannot be

trusted. In addition, Swiss newspapers have been inundated with antisemitic letters-to-the-editor and many Swiss government officials have made "questionable remarks."

"When aggressive postures are taken on worthy issues, do we have a responsibility to consider the potential emergence of antisemitism in the Diaspora as a result?" Foxman asked.

Foxman was presented with an award by Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon for exceptional work in battling antisemitism and educating the Jewish public about the threats.

Foxman then gave a speech to the forum explaining that world Jewry and Israel face a new set of dilemmas.

"Should Israel pursue diplomatic relations with a country where antisemitic attitudes are prevalent? Should the Jewish community avoid certain actions or pronouncements that may elicit a public antisemitic response from

those with anti-Jewish inclinations? Can Israeli and Jewish leaders have friendly relationship with foreign leaders who are pro-Israel but antisemitic?" were among the questions he posed.

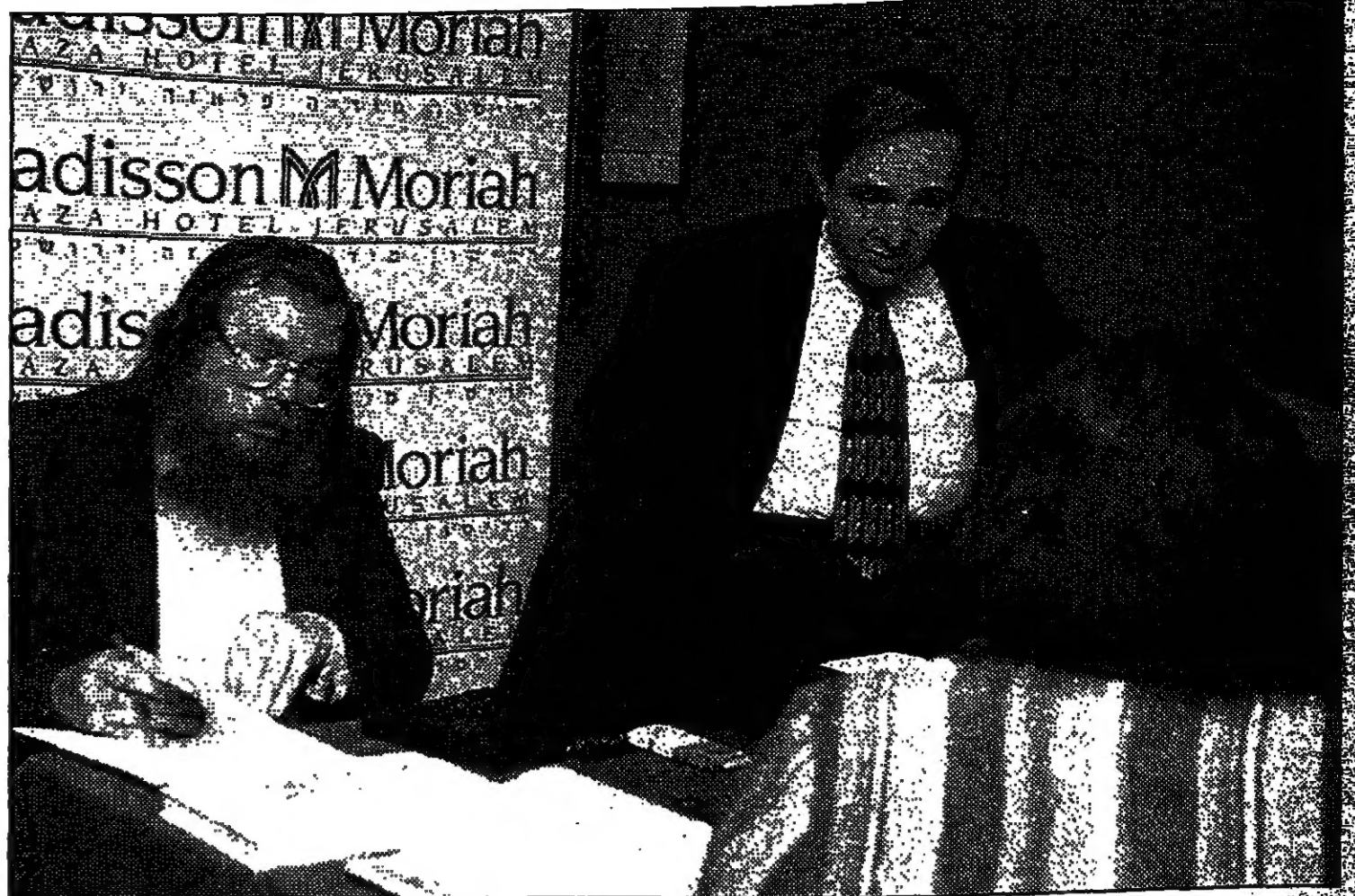
Within the Middle East, he cited examples of antisemitic or anti-Israel articles and cartoons appearing in the Arab media, particularly in the Egyptian and Palestinian media. He also mentioned the allegation by a Palestinian Permanent Observer, who accused Israel of injecting Palestinian babies with the HIV virus, during the March 1997 UN Human Rights Commission in Geneva.

MK Tzvi Weinberg (Yisrael Ba'aliya) then discussed antisemitism in Russia, saying that Jews there "live in daily danger."

ADL Chairman Howard Berkowitz requested that the parliamentary forum convene a conference to discuss these issues.



Abraham H. Foxman
(Ariel Jerusalem)



Rabbis Kuzriel Meir (left) and Moshe Morgenstern discuss a divorce with an aguna at a Jerusalem hotel yesterday. (Brian Friedman)

Impromptu rabbinic court dispenses divorces in capital hotel

By HAIM SHAPIRO

"That's it. You're free," said Rabbi Moshe Morgenstern, as he began marking ruled lines across a sheet of parchment, preparatory to writing out a *get*, a religious bill of divorce.

Laura Levanon-Bina breathed a huge sigh of relief.

The two were sitting opposite each other, across a table in a Jerusalem hotel, where Morgenstern had set up an impromptu rabbinic court, surrounded by media representatives. Two other women were waiting for their cases to be heard.

Levanon-Bina had pulled nervously at her dress as she told Morgenstern and Rabbi Kuzriel Meir of Kfar Tapuah that her husband was demanding \$150,000, which she did not have, as the

price of granting her a religious divorce.

According to Morgenstern, Levanon-Bina was one of some 17,000 women in Israel who are unable to get a divorce. This week, Rabbi Eli Ben-Dahan, director of the official rabbinical courts, had said there were only 240 such cases.

"To free an aguna is *pituih nefesh* (the saving of a life)," said Morgenstern, who said he knew of many cases in which women who could not get a divorce had killed themselves, both here and in the US.

Levanon-Bina, a mother of three, said that she had reached the end of her tether. She had decided, she said, that even if she was not granted a *get*, she would have a child with a man other than her husband.

"It would be a *manzer* [the prod-

uct of an illicit union, forbidden to marry other Jews], but it would be the dearest *manzer* in the world," she said, blinking back tears.

Neither Morgenstern nor Meir is connected to the rabbinical establishment here or in the US. Morgenstern is an accountant in New York and Meir, a former Green Beret, runs an independent medical laboratory. Rabbi Emmanuel Rackman, chancellor emeritus of Bar-Ilan University, who normally sits on the rabbinical court with Morgenstern in New York, cannot do so in Israel, Morgenstern said, because of his ties with Bar-Ilan.

Although Morgenstern had been critical of the Israeli rabbinate on Sunday, yesterday he appeared far more tolerant, saying that there had to be order and that if he were in their place he would act as they

did. However, he added, women are human beings and there has to be a maverick rabbinical court, "to take all the blame."

Morgenstern both declared the marriage invalid, and at the same time issued a *zikuf*, a *get* delivered by a messenger. Morgenstern's wife would act as the messenger, he said.

Morgenstern admitted that the divorce would not be recognized in Israel, that the woman would get no financial support and that the husband might be granted custody of the children as a result of his court's action.

Levanon-Bina said that she understood the problems, but had decided to go through with it anyway.

"This is the only option open to me. I'm willing to take the risk," she said.

IDF to set up military academy

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Soldiering has become such a profession that the IDF is setting up a military academy to award accredited college degrees to selected officers marked for leadership and advancement, the outgoing head of the National Defense College said.

"Today, to be an officer in the IDF you need to be a professional," said Maj.-Gen. Itzhak Brik, who is leaving the post after four years.

Brik said there will be stiff competition for places at the National Military Academy and that those accepted will most likely be junior officers who have already gone through their initial military service and a command role.

Brik said the degree to be awarded has still not been completely defined, but course work

will include economic, sociology, international relations, history, and, of course, military studies.

"It won't be restrictive and certainly will be attractive so that it will draw the cream of the crop," Brik said. "If an individual wants to be a nuclear scientist or something, then they study these fields at a university. But if an individual wants to be involved in the interesting aspects of the IDF, then they can earn a degree here."

The way Brik sees it, any officer completing the National Military Academy or its advanced courses at the National Defense College will be marked for leadership and advancement.

The budget has already been approved for the academy, and a tender for its construction is to be offered shortly.

Initial staff members have been

recruited, and Brik said the academy will open its doors in Fall 1999.

Brik also said its year-long program at the National Defense College would expand to include an in-house research center and would award its own master degrees next year.

Since 1986, participants have had to split their studies with course work at Haifa University and their MA in political science had been awarded through the university.

Now, instructors and researchers will be based at the National Defense College and be able to guide the students in research the IDF and other security bodies are interested in, Brik said.

Some 30 students participate annually. They are usually with the rank of colonel who have been marked for senior command roles

in the military, or from other government agencies like the Mossad, General Security Service and the Foreign Ministry.

"This will greatly benefit the curriculum," Brik said. "There is no similar group of people with such an accumulation of experience anywhere else in the country. They are also open to more [security] sensitive material, which cannot always be shared on an open campus."

The IDF has undergone a transformation from its first 25 years, where battlefield experience was more than enough to ensure a lusty military career.

"Anyone who wants to stay in the IDF needs to have a college degree," Brik said. "Officers today are more aware that experience is not enough. To advance in the IDF you need to go through professional military training."

Seven youths charged with Carmel rape

Seven youths from Daliat al-Carmel and Ushiya were charged yesterday of raping and committing indecent acts on a woman, as well as aggravated assault.

The Haifa District Court remanded until July 13 Nizar Salah, Nadir Jidban, Naif Natur, and Naif Mustafa, all 18, and four minors. On July 13, the court will consider remanding them until the end of legal proceedings.

Last week, three of the suspects were charged in a separate case. Salah, Jidban and Natur, as

well as Alaa Kassem, 18, of Daliat al-Carmel, were charged with rape, sodomy, and other crimes in connection with the gang rape of a 15-year-old girl and the assault of her boyfriend in the Carmel Forest on June 20.

According to the charge sheet presented yesterday, the seven youths went out to the Carmel Forest around 2 a.m. on the night of June 6 in order to disturb any couples they could find there. One of the youths made a bet with the others that he would kiss a girl that

At the archeological site at the entrance to the forest, the group came across a couple sipping from a bottle of wine. The seven youths taunted the couple and then attacked them.

According to the prosecutor, the seven were accompanied by several more of their friends, who watched the attack from their car.

The woman from the couple complained to police after details of the June 20 incident, which will go to trial next week, appeared in the media.

(Itim)

IDF veterans Menahem Digly, Monty Green die

By DOUGLAS DAVIS and Itim

Maj.-Gen. (res.) Menahem Digly, a former commander of the elite Sayeret Matkal unit, died yesterday of an illness at Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv. He was 60.

"Digly looked at things in a very direct and courageous fashion, when it came to battle, and when it came to life in general, and so he went to his end," said Labor Party head Ehud Barak, who was Digly's deputy when the latter commanded the Sayeret Matkal.

Digly was a top officer in the Intelligence Branch during the Yom Kippur War. According to Barak, he was one of the few who fought against the complacency that led to the heavy losses in the

early days of that conflict.

During the War of Attrition, he commanded the Sayeret Matkal unit that cooperated with the naval commandos during the operation on Green Island. In 1968, he took part in the operation that blew up planes in the Beirut Airport.

After leaving the army, he established and ran a vacation village in Yamit. In recent years he was a frequent guest interviewer on Dalia Yairi's "Another Matter" morning radio program.

In London, Monty Green, the last surviving major-general from the 1948 War of Independence, died in London yesterday at the age of 84.

Born in the East End of London in 1914, Green was managing the family tobacco business in India

when World War Two broke out. He joined the Indian Army and held the rank of lieutenant-colonel when he was selected to attend a course at the British Staff College in Haifa.

In late 1947, with the prospect of a state then a reality, the Hagana asked Green to help create the structural organization that would transform the underground Hagana movement into a full-fledged, conventional defense force. Green and his wife returned to Tel Aviv, where the state was established in May 1948 and Israel was attacked by its neighbors. Green was invited to join the general staff of the IDF with the rank of major-general. He served as quartermaster-general and head of manpower, which were then combined in a single post.

EXCHANGE

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Netanyahu warned, however, that "even after an agreement, I don't promise a rose garden or a new Middle East. We can expect difficult challenges and a difficult diplomatic battle. We live in a difficult environment surrounded by unstable and undemocratic regimes. Ahead of us lie struggles for all that is holy to us - to all of us, Left and Right."

He said these include the struggle for Jerusalem, settlements and water sources.

Having detailed Israel's

demands of the Palestinians, Netanyahu said he expects the opposition "to remember now and again these elementary demands which are critical to peace. You also have to live in this country."

Regarding opposition criticism, Netanyahu said, "I prefer less trust, less hope, less glory but less terror." Netanyahu turned to the opposition MKs and said: "I call on you to help and not hinder."

Barak said that Netanyahu's policies would be responsible for the creation of a Palestinian state that would gain international recognition.

"What happened to you, Mr

Prime Minister? Instead of peace, you are bringing us closer to war," Barak said. "We will fight with all our strength against your failure to keep your word... and the deceitful maneuvering at the expense of the security of the state."

"As a citizen and father, and out of deep concern for our future, I call on you Mr. Prime Minister at least this once to rise above every consideration and for the good of the state to go home in peace, free us from our burden and resign," Barak said.

Netanyahu pointedly left the room when Meretz leader Yossi Sarid started his speech. Sarid said Netanyahu "doesn't know where

he's living" and called him "high," (nasut) using the Hebrew word usually used for someone on drugs.

Sarid asked: "What can we call a man like you?" listing a number of options which rhyme in Hebrew, before suggesting it would be simpler to call him a "liar."

In his speech, at the end of the debate, Likud whip Meir Sheetrit called for an end to the opposition campaign calling Netanyahu a liar.

Sheetrit said the incitement against prime minister Yitzhak Rabin had started with pictures of him in a keffiyeh and the label "Liar."

EMBASSY

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He refused to name any names in this category, but contended that "the only chance to put the embassy on the map is to help me."

Another dispute between Shoval and the ministry is evidently the position of David Akov, who serves as liaison officer to the US Congress.

The sources contended that he would be shifted to Vienna if the proposed embassy reshuffle comes about, despite contentions that his work in Washington has been excellent.

"There are some excellent people at the embassy with whom I look forward to working," Shoval said, noting that "some of them [I] know from previous experience and some I will learn to know."

DROWNINGS

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In one of the accidents yesterday, at a swimming pool near Jerusalem, an unconscious young girl was pulled from the water and resuscitated.

The incident happened at the Zippori pool in the Jerusalem forest during a summer camp for youngsters between six and 13 years old. The youngsters were accompanied by counselors and instructors.

One of the two lifeguards at the pool spotted the young girl floating under the water. He dove in to rescue her, dragged her from the pool, and immediately started resuscitation with an oxygen cylinder. A doctor on duty at a nearby summer camp was called to the scene and gave assistance until the arrival of Magen David

Adom paramedics.

The girl, aged eight, was said to have partially regained consciousness and was taken to Hadassah University Hospital at Ein Kerem in moderate-to-serious condition.

Later in the afternoon, another MDA crew went to the aid of a 27-year-old woman who almost drowned in the sea off the Betzet Beach, near Nahariya.

The woman was spotted struggling against the waves by a passerby, who summoned the emergency services. She was dragged from the sea, resuscitated by the crew of an MDA mobile intensive care unit, and taken to Nahariya Government Hospital.

In a separate summer camp incident on Sunday, a nine-year-old girl from Migdal Ha'emek almost drowned in a swimming pool at Kibbutz Ramat David. She was taken to Afula's Ha'emek Hospital

in serious condition.

Another person was rescued in serious condition from the sea on Saturday in Haifa, where beaches have been devoid of lifeguards since Friday because of a strike over pay and conditions.

The works committee of the Haifa Municipality yesterday decided to intensify the action in support of the lifeguards by closing other departments in stages. If no agreement is reached with city hall over the pay demands of the lifeguards and municipal workers in general, who declared a labor dispute several weeks ago, the employees have threatened to shut down all municipal services.

MK Dalia Izik (Labor) yesterday lodged a motion for an urgent Knesset debate on swimming accidents and stressed the need for ending the strike by Haifa lifeguards before there are any more tragedies.

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Court to hear second petition for yeshiva students draft

By DAN IZENBERG

It was then-defense minister Ezer Weizman who abolished the ceiling on exemptions from military service for yeshiva students in 1977. Justice Ministry attorney Uzi Fogelman told the High Court of Justice in advance of today's hearing on the issue before 11 justices.

Today's hearing will be the second of two petitions — one submitted by MKs Amnon Rubinstein and Haim Oron and reserve soldiers, and the other by attorney Yehuda Ressler and a group of students — calling for an end to the blanket exemption of yeshiva students from military service. Rubinstein and Oron have asked

the High Court to establish a reasonable ceiling on exemptions for yeshiva students, while Ressler has called for their abolition altogether.

During the first court hearing on the petitions on May 19, the justices asked the state to provide information on a number of issues, including the administrative decisions that led to blanket exemption. When the arrangement was first introduced in 1948, only 400 yeshiva students per year were given exemptions. Until now, it was believed that blanket exemption was formally part of the 1977 coalition agreement between the Likud, by prime minister Menachem Begin, and the hard-

However, based on Fogelman's letter, it turns out that there was no formal coalition agreement. In a letter to Ressler on Sunday, Fogelman wrote: "In 1968, a ministerial committee headed by Moshe Dayan, who then served as minister of defense, set a ceiling of 800 exemptions per year. In 1977, then-defense minister Ezer Weizman abolished the ceiling with the understanding of then-prime minister Menachem Begin." Since then, there has been no ceiling on the exemptions. Attorney Lior Katz, who together with Ra'anan Har-Zahav, is representing Rubinstein and Oron, said there are currently five private member's bills on the Knesset table calling for the abolition or limitation of the

blanket exemption.

The best known bill was submitted by Labor Party chairman Ehud Barak and is due to be debated soon in the plenum. The others were initiated by Labor MK Ra'anan Cohen (two), Ofer Pines (Labor) and Meir Sheerit (Likud). During the first hearing, the justices asked Har-Zahav why the court should intervene on the question of the exemptions when the Knesset was about to deal with it.

In their response, the petitioners told the court that in the past decade, there have been 20 separate private member's bills calling for changes in the current arrangement. Nineteen of the 20 (including the five currently pending) were either never brought to a vote

or defeated in preliminary debate. Only one bill — initiated by Rubinstein in 1992 — ever got past preliminary reading and it was then buried in committee.

Katz said the petitioners will argue that the fact that there are private member's bills on the Knesset table should not be taken to mean that the Knesset is about to change the arrangement on its own.

"There has almost never been a time when the Knesset did not have a bill on the table calling for changes in the arrangement," he said.

In the first hearing, Fogelman presented his case to the court. This time, it is the petitioners' turn.

NEWS

in brief

Court rules on detention of 2 Hizbullah leaders

Tel Aviv District Court ruled yesterday on a petition seeking the release of two Lebanese Hizbullah leaders, but banned publication of its decision, a court spokesman said. The two leaders, Abdel-Karim Obeid and Mustafa Dirani, were detained in 1989 and 1994, respectively. Both Obeid and Dirani are being held in administrative detention, without charges or trial. In all, Israel holds 21 Lebanese administrative detainees. Human-rights lawyer Zvi Rish submitted a petition to free Obeid and Dirani. Last month, the court ordered the release of Dirani's nephew, Ghassan Dirani, who has been held for 12 years without charges. His release was delayed to allow the state to appeal. AP

Jewish declaration on Auschwitz delayed

A controversy over a large cross outside Auschwitz may keep Jewish groups from signing a declaration supporting the government's efforts to renovate the camp and surrounding area, officials said yesterday. Polish authorities and representatives of Jewish organizations were supposed to sign the declaration in mid-July. But an aide to Prime Minister Jerzy Buzek told yesterday's issue of the *Rzeczpospolita* newspaper that the declaration will not be signed then as planned. AP

Activists protest Haifa marina project

As part of the protest over the construction of the Haifa marina and the surrounding apart-hotels, environmental activists yesterday buried themselves up to their heads in cement on the Bat Galim beach. The demonstration was planned by the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel and Green Action. The National Planning and Construction Council is scheduled to discuss the marina project today. There are currently three major projects along the Haifa coast at different planning stages. "If this goes ahead it will destroy the rest of Haifa's disappearing beaches and brutally take away the right of the public to their natural beaches," said Mickey Lipshitz, head of the SPNI's Haifa branch. *Liat Collins*

Kahalani visits Juarish ahead of evacuation

Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani visited the Arab neighborhood of Juarish in Ramle yesterday, to meet with representatives of the Karaje clan as it planned to leave the village. Kahalani also met with representatives of the rival Jarushi clan and discussed the decision to separate the two clans because of ongoing tension between them that this year exploded in violent conflicts that have caused several deaths. "This is a deep conflict and in this case, an aspirin will not solve the problem," he said. "There is a need for much more than this." Kahalani hoped that the evacuation of the Karaje clan will contribute to calming tempers in the neighborhood. *Idan*

Byzantine period street uncovered in Beit She'an

By DAVID FUDGE

Archaeologists have uncovered the remains of an ancient street during a rescue excavation on the southern outskirts of Beit She'an, where a modern pedestrian mall is slated to be constructed. The excavations, being conducted by the Antiquities Authority, have revealed what was once a road and pavement, as well as the outer walls of six shops, all dating back to the Byzantine period. Archaeologists also found an inscription in Greek, decorated with colored mosaics, as well as bronze and gold coins and other artifacts from the Byzantine and later periods. The Greek inscription read "The luck of the blues will win."

Archaeologist Danny Sion said this referred to competitions, primarily in the horse-racing field, between rival groups known as the blues and the greens. The rivalry between the respective supporters of the two groups later spilled over into violence, causing social and cultural rifts. It has been decided to preserve some of the ancient remains, including the mosaic with the inscription, and incorporate them into the modern pedestrian mall — which will be built once the excavations have been completed. The Antiquities Authority said the discovery of the remains of the Byzantine settlement and the other finds were of great archaeological significance.



Ethiopian immigrant demonstrators hold up a picture of family members still in Ethiopia, during a Jerusalem demonstration yesterday. (Brian Henders)

Ethiopian immigrant protest turns violent

By GIL HOFFMAN and AMY KLEIN

A demonstration by Ethiopian immigrants in Jerusalem turned violent yesterday, leaving three policemen lightly wounded. There were three arrests.

The protests, which have been held periodically for some two weeks, demand humanitarian assistance for what demonstrators say are thousands of people remaining in Ethiopia who qualify to immigrate under the Law of Return.

Protesters moved police barricades and tried to block traffic on

Jerusalem's Rehov Ruppin, near the Prime Minister's Office. A scuffle developed between the protesters and the police and a few of the demonstrators threw stones.

Three policemen were lightly wounded. One policeman was treated at Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem and released.

Three protesters were detained, including one who took a knife to a border policeman during the scuffle. The protester was subdued by police and the knife was confiscated. The border policeman was not hurt.

About 2,000 Ethiopian protesters showed, "We want mother," "We want father," and other slogans in Hebrew and Amharic and sounded sirens to emphasize that the situation in Ethiopia is an emergency.

They carried pictures of relatives in Ethiopia and signs saying "There they're getting killed and here they're not wanted," and "Tomorrow will be too late."

It was reported that Jerusalem police chief Cmdr. Yair Yitzhaki sent some 500 additional policemen to the rally, fearing a repeat of the violence that occurred in a

1996 demonstration by Ethiopian immigrants, after it was revealed that Ethiopian blood donations were being discarded by Magen David Adom.

In a statement, Labor MK Adisu Massala said, "I am against any kind of violence, and it should not come from members of our community."

But Massala added that the government cannot stay indifferent to the plight of those remaining in Ethiopia, and the Ethiopian community in Israel will not let the government forget their relatives.

Australian family demands bridge collapse inquiry

The family of an Australian athlete killed when the footbridge collapsed at the Maccabiah last summer demanded yesterday that an independent parliamentary investigation be conducted.

Yetty Bennett, 50, was one of four Australians who died after the bridge collapsed last July 14 at the opening ceremonies of the Maccabiah, plunging dozens of team members into the polluted Yarkon River below.

Jeany and Andrew Simmons, Bennett's sister and brother-in-law, yesterday attended the trial in Tel Aviv of five defendants charged with negligent homicide and building without proper permits in the case.

The couple is here to talk with lawyers about filing a lawsuit in the case, and to meet with President Ezer Weizman on Thursday. Dozens of lawsuits are expected to be filed by victims' families.

"The only way to resolve this matter is by holding a truly independent inquiry," Andrew Simmons said. "Justice is being done in court, but we want to ensure that such a disaster will be avoided in the future."

Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer visited here last month and said Israel did not appear to be moving toward establishing an independent inquiry.

A government-appointed panel of engineers looked into the cause of the collapse last year and issued a scathing report blaming the builders and organizers. A police investigation led to the trial in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court of two contractors, the engineer who designed the bridge, the director of the games and the chairman of the Maccabiah organizing committee.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who is scheduled to travel to Australia next month, promised Downer he would finish looking into the matter before he arrived, and said Israel wanted to help the families of the victims as much as possible.

Two experts testified yesterday about pollution in the Yarkon

River, which has been blamed for the deaths of two athletes several weeks after the bridge collapse.

Dr. Yishayahu Bar-Or, head of the Environment Ministry's water and rivers department, said he conducted extensive biological and chemical tests on the river's water in the weeks and months that followed the disaster. Bar-Or said he found "a long list of pollutants," including oils, fertilizers

and industrial wastes, mostly from water treatment plants at towns upriver from the bridge collapse site, and a pesticide that had been sprayed on the river the day before the collapse.

But Bar-Or said he was unable to identify the specific pollutant that caused the victims' sicknesses. And he said the Yarkon was "not the most polluted river in Israel. It's about average for

Israel," he said.

Asked by a defense lawyer for the bridge engineer why no signs were posted warning that the river was polluted, Bar-Or said, "It is common knowledge that the river is not fit for swimming. Are there signs by the sea saying it is not drinking water?"

The court also heard testimony from David Pergament, manager of the Yarkon River Authority. (AP)

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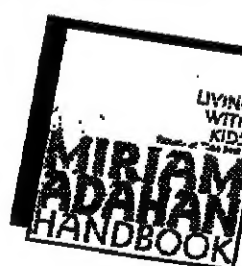
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Diplomats leave for southwest Kosovo

By ADAM BROWN

PRISTINA (AP) — On the heels of inconclusive negotiations, diplomats yesterday tried a different tack to ease Kosovo's violence, visiting the province's volatile southwest, the scene of recent fighting.

The group, comprised of Belgrade-based diplomats from the US, Russia, Poland and the European Union, planned to cover about 200 kilometers and travel through the towns of Kline, Mitrovica, Srbica, and Poljanec before returning to Pristina.

The nine-car convoy departed amid reports of fighting west of their planned route, near Pec, 75 kilometers west of Pristina.

The ethnic Albanian-run Kosovo Information Center said Serb forces were shelling Lodja village from all sides, sending smoke billowing into the air.

Serb sources said the attack was started by armed Albanians opening fire on Serb families, forcing Serb villagers, aided by police, to repel the assault.

The state-run Tanjug news agency of Yugoslavia said two Serb policemen were wounded by "Albanian terrorists" at Lodja, but they were expected to survive.

Some of the route of the observer mission touches on territory held by the Kosovo Liberation Army. A participant, Richard Miles, the US charge d'affaires in Belgrade, said the observers hoped to make contact with the militant separatist organization on the road from Srbica to Kline.

"This is an inaugural trip, we have chosen the route carefully to minimize the risk," he told reporters on departure. "But towards the end of the week, we will be pushing the envelope."

He said the mission was meant to provide humanitarian organizations and foreign governments an "objective evaluation of what is happening in Kosovo."

Russian Ambassador Yuri Kotov said the observer mission would be a "stabilizing factor" in Kosovo.

Hundreds of people have been killed in Kosovo since a Serb police crackdown on ethnic Albanian militants in February.

Albanians comprise 90 percent of the population of the province, which Serbs regard as their historic homeland.

US envoy Richard Holbrooke spent the past few days shuttling between Kosovo's capital Pristina and Belgrade trying to lay the groundwork for talks between the Yugoslav government and leaders of Kosovo's ethnic Albanians.

In Pristina on Sunday, Holbrooke and Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Nikolai Afanasyevsky urged ethnic Albanian politicians to rally behind moderate leader Ibrahim Rugova, insisting he is the best choice to speak for Kosovo's Albanian majority.

The two met with representatives of the 16 ethnic Albanian parties. But representatives from the militant Kosovo Liberation Army did not attend the talks.



Italian police and carabinieri show the three recovered paintings during a press conference in Rome yesterday. From left: Vincent van Gogh's 'The Gardener', Paul Cezanne's 'The cabin of Jourdan' and van Gogh's 'A Woman from Arles'. Police recovered the three paintings and arrested eight people Monday, resolving an art theft that had become a major embarrassment for Italy.

Italy recovers van Gogh, Cezanne paintings

By DANIEL J. WAKIN

ROME (AP) — Police burst into apartments in Rome and Turin before dawn yesterday and recovered two paintings by van Gogh and one by Cezanne, resolving an art theft that had become a major embarrassment for Italy.

Police arrested eight Italians, including a security guard at Rome's National Gallery of Modern Art, where armed thieves walked away with the masterpieces on May 19.

Government and museum officials exulted in cracking the

case. The crime prompted strong criticism over museum security.

"This was a bleeding wound that Italy didn't deserve," Deputy Premier Walter Veltroni told reporters. "Today, the wound is closed."

A well-organized group of thieves carried out the robbery, authorities said. The suspects included several people involved in holdups in Belgium, said Gen. Roberto Conforti, commander of the Carabinieri art theft squad. Police seized rifles, revolvers, a machine-pistol, masks, ammunition and wigs during the arrests, he said.

Van Gogh's *The Gardener* and Cezanne's *The Cabin of Jourdan*, an unfinished painting done the year he died, were recovered in an apartment in a lower-middle class neighborhood on the northern outskirts of Rome, police said. The paintings were wrapped in blankets and cardboard. One was under a bed, the other on top of a wardrobe, according to Carabinieri Maj. Ferdinando Musella. The other van Gogh, *A Woman from Arles*, was found in Turin.

The canvases were undamaged but the frames were missing.

Police said the gang apparently had sought to sell the works secretly to a private collector. The works — worth at least \$30 million — were too famous to sell openly.

Officials discounted earlier reports that the theft was committed on commission. Three armed men apparently hid in the gallery until it closed for the night.

They turned off the alarm system, locked up the guards and walked away with the paintings. The museum's closed-circuit surveillance system was broken at the time.

Taiwan to US: Don't discuss our future with China

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Taiwan's President Lee Teng-hui told Washington's top liaison official yesterday that the US should not consult Beijing when discussing Taiwan's future.

In talks with envoy Richard Bush, Lee insisted on the sovereign status of the Republic of China, Taiwan's official name.

"In the future, your country should negotiate directly with us about any matters involving Taiwan," Lee said. "You don't have to and should not hold bilateral talks with the Chinese communists" about Taiwan.

"I am determined to push for resumption of talks across the Taiwan Strait, and the determination has never wavered or changed," a Presidential Office statement quoted Lee as saying.

Roy Rogers, 'King of the Cowboys,' dies at 86

By OSCAR MUSIBAY

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Roy Rogers, the singing "King of the Cowboys" whose straight-shooting exploits in movies and television made him a hero to generations of young fans and No. 1 at the box office, died yesterday. He was 86.

His death at his home in Apple Valley was announced in a statement by his spokeswoman, Jane Hansen. He suffered from congestive heart failure, the statement said.

Rogers was a Depression-era truck driver, peach picker and country singer who in 1937 landed a \$75 a week job as singing cowboy at Hollywood's Republic Studio.

Rogers, armed with a guitar, six-shooters and charm, rose in salary and popularity to King of the Cowboys. For 12 years — 1943 to 1954 — he was the No. 1 Western star at the box office in a magazine poll of theater operators. Loaded with fights, always fair, and chases that corralled the bad guys, his 87 films, with names like *Under Western Stars* and *Song of Arizona*, were especially popular in small towns. His television series, which ran from 1951 to 1957, and thereafter in reruns, had similar appeal.

Rogers preferred to play down violence, shooting the gun out of the villain's hand,

rather than hurting the villain himself. He criticized other, more violent Westerns. "When I was a boy, our parents taught us that hitting below the belt was a cowardly thing," he once said. "I don't believe this kind of thing is 'entertainment' no matter how you look at it."

In many films and in the television series, he costarred with Dale Evans, whom he married in 1947. Featured were his famous palomino horse, Trigger, and his dog, Bullet. His sidekick in films was bewhiskered Gabby Hayes, in television Pat Brady.

"I'm an introvert at heart," Rogers once said. "And show business — even though I've loved it so much — has always been hard for me."

It made him a millionaire, though. His investments included real estate, a chain of restaurants bearing his name, and a TV production company. His success as both performer and businessman mirrored that of his great cowboy rival, Gene Autry. The two both said they were good friends.

Rogers was born Leonard Slye on Nov. 5, 1911, in Cincinnati, of part-Indian ancestry. The family moved to California in 1930. He was getting some singing work on radio when "I heard a rumor they were testing for singing cowboys out at Republic," he once



Roy Rogers

(AP)

said. "I guess you could say it was fate." Rogers replaced Autry as Republic Studios' top cowboy when Autry took time out to serve as a flier in the Army Air Corps

Britain holds firm on Ulster parade ban

PORTADOWN (Reuters) — British authorities in Northern Ireland held firm under Protestant pressure yesterday after a ban on a controversial parade passing through a Catholic district triggered widespread street violence.

Police fired plastic bullets after coming under attack by gangs of youths lobbing bricks and stones and setting fire to vehicles in the pro-British "loyalist" stronghold of Sandy Row, close to Belfast city center.

One policeman was in the hospital with a fractured skull.

The spreading conflict threatened to torpedo a hard-won accord, concluded in April, to bring peace to Northern Ireland after 30 years of sectarian and political violence that claimed 3,600 lives.

Across the province overnight, youths threw petrol bombs at police, blockaded roads and tried to hijack cars as the rerouting of the Protestant parade at Drumcree on the edge of Portadown stoked loyalist anger against Catholic nationalists.

Mo Mowlam, the British cabinet minister responsible for Northern Ireland, condemned the violence and said the ruling of the independent parades commission on the route of the Portadown march must be respected.

"It is serious, but the security forces have the situation under control, and people are going to work as normal," Mowlam told BBC radio. "The rule of law is what people say they want to live by. Demonstrations of the kind we saw last night help no one."

Controversy could be fueled

further by a fresh batch of rulings due later last night on the routes of another 28 parades this weekend, the climax of the annual marching season.

But Mowlam expressed confidence that the peace process can be kept on track if the present stand-off can be resolved.

She recalled that it was only last week that the province's new first minister and his deputy — Ulster Unionist David Trimble and Seamus Mallon from the moderate Catholic SDLP — were elected as part of the peace process.

"Last Thursday David Trimble and Seamus Mallon showed us we can build a different way, a new way forward, and I believe we can still do that if people abide by the law now and don't let this get any worse," Mowlam said.

She added that she did not believe the "rumor" that Trimble might be forced to step down if the Orangemen are not allowed to march down the Catholic Garvaghy Road enclave, although she acknowledged that he was in a difficult position.

"David has shown a lot of courage over the months, and I don't believe he's a quitter," Mowlam said. Portadown itself was calm yesterday, a day after thousands of Orangemen were prevented from marching down Garvaghy Road by a massive metal barrier, a moat and lines of barbed wire fences erected by British troops.

The Orange Order had urged its members to protest peacefully, and Sunday passed without major incident in this town of 30,000 people, 95 percent of them Protestant.

Diana's island also burial site for family pets

LONDON (AP) — The island where Princess Diana is buried was also a cemetery for family pets, including her favorite cat, Marmalade.

The wooded island, which was consecrated by the Bishop of Peterborough before Diana's burial last September 6, is on an ornamental lake on the Althorp estate, ancestral home of the Spencer family.

The island "at one time" was a burial site for pets, and there are records of four or five of them, including Marmalade, said Shelley-Anne Claircourt, spokeswoman for

Diana's brother Earl Spencer. Claircourt confirmed the report in yesterday's edition of *The Mirror* newspaper that pets were buried on the island. It quoted former Althorp housekeeper Maudie Pendrey as saying, "I cannot believe Earl Spencer could be so heartless as to bury his sister in a dog burial ground. It is a desecration."

The earl has opened Althorp to the paying public for two months and has built a museum in his sister's memory. Visitors are not allowed to go to the island, but can see it from the lakeside.

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Charity begins at home

Observers are questioning whether the huge salaries earned by some heads of US philanthropic foundations are appropriate

By JUDITH HAVEMANN

WASHINGTON — The heads of the nation's largest philanthropic foundations saw their salaries increase five times the rate of inflation last year, to an average \$363,000 a year, Internal Revenue Service records show.

The figure places the chief executives of these influential national charities in the highest 1 percent of American wage earners.

Six years after the United Way scandal drew public attention to the issue of philanthropic spending, the national controversy that erupted over William Aramony's \$463,000 annual compensation package seems to have had little direct impact on how much the charitable world pays itself.

Thomas M. Lofton, who heads the \$12.7 billion Lilly Endowment, is paid \$450,000 plus \$163,648 in benefits for overseeing the nation's largest foundation, which concentrates mostly on charitable works and civic philanthropy in Indiana.

Ford Foundation president Susan V. Berresford makes \$440,500 plus \$169,705 in benefits.

With offices around the globe, the foundation she heads devotes the largest share of its grants to international peace and social justice.

Foundations are among the elite institutions of the relatively little

understood philanthropic community, and as the government has begun to back away from the social initiatives of the Great Society, they have moved further into the forefront of policy development. They sit on \$268 billion in assets, according to the latest statistics.

In return from being sheltered from most taxes, the foundations are required to devote 5 percent of their average assets each year to charitable purposes, such as improving medical care for the aged or reducing poverty around the world.

To be sure, the paychecks of nonprofit executives vary widely. Directors of soup kitchens or homeless shelters often are paid salaries similar to the \$26,000 a year that the typical American worker makes. But while the salaries of the top foundation executives exceed those of other nonprofit heads, the practices of these large charitable agencies are important far beyond their own bottom line.

They establish the gold standard for executive compensation that smaller charities envy and emulate. Their system of evaluating performance is closely watched, and eventually, the top salaries raise the bar for everyone. And with the total compensation packages for some of the elite foundation executives

now pushing beyond the \$500,000 mark, when retirement and other benefits are factored in, their pay is raising new questions among some members of the charitable community and among scattered members of Congress.

Rep. Robert Menendez, D-N.J., has twice introduced legislation to cap the salaries of nonprofit executives at no more than the salaries of US Cabinet secretaries, currently \$151,800. But his latest measure has not attracted a single cosponsor.

"The barrage (of complaints) I got from the nonprofit community would normally make just about anybody shy away from this issue," Menendez said. "But back at home, among average people, they think it makes eminent sense."

Recently Rep. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., delivered a one-minute speech on the floor to raise questions about the appropriateness of six-figure salaries being paid to the heads of some AIDS organizations. "Medically necessary care is being severely curtailed while these executives line their pockets with federal dollars," Coburn said.

The high salaries also have angered some of the organizations that look to foundations for funding. "These amounts are ridiculous," said Mary Beth Durnell, the

executive director of AIDS Volunteers Inc., which seeks grants for AIDS prevention and care for the dying in eastern Kentucky. Durnell says every penny she spends on her \$38,000 salary is money stripped from her cause. "I can't imagine what kind of work someone could do to earn almost \$400,000 from a charity."

With Congress unlikely to limit nonprofit salaries any time soon, the government has concentrated instead on public disclosure. The IRS requires foundations to make their voluminous tax returns available to anyone who asks to see them. And while that concept is almost universally supported in principle, it is easy to thwart in practice.

The information is often more than a year old because foundations routinely ask for and get extensions of the tax filing deadline. Six of the nation's 10 largest foundations, for example, failed to file 1997 returns by their May due date, seeking instead extensions until next fall. And foundations can and often do adhere precisely to the complex disclosure requirements in the law.

Endowment officials said they would like to provide comparative returns not just for one year but for the past several years, but their "hands were tied" because the law

does not require it.

From the foundations' perspective, officials say that the salaries they pay are a reflection of the marketplace and necessary if non-profits are to successfully vie for talent. "We have to compete to get qualified people," said Colburn S. Wilbur, who gets \$272,549 as executive director of the third-largest foundation in the nation, the \$9 billion David and Lucile Packard Foundation in California's Silicon Valley. "We want people who will make a big difference, alleviate problems, change things, make the world a better place. This is much more important than asking individuals to sacrifice to save a few dollars."

Foundation executives also say that, relative to private corporations, their salaries are hardly excessive. Indeed, the average chief executive officer of 250 of the nation's largest corporations, surveyed by compensation specialist Grief Crystal, was paid \$2.1 million last year, up 12.3% from the previous year.

In the philanthropic world, the process for setting salaries has grown increasingly complex. Congress requires only that foundations pay "necessary and reasonable" salaries, a rule that has launched an industry of consultants who determine what similar

people are paid for similar work in similar circumstances. The Ford Foundation, after studying the market, determined that the organization's chief investment officer, Linda Stumpf, should be paid \$131,750 more in 1997 than its president. That left her with a salary of \$572,250, plus \$176,555 in benefits.

The American Cancer Society hired John R. Seffrin from the University of Indiana and decided, after a consultant's survey, that he was underpaid. The society raised his salary to \$295,000.

The United Way of America, only recently recovered from the Aramony scandal, gave its new director, Betty Stanley Beene, a 41% pay increase over her predecessor. Still, it was \$15,000 less than she had been getting for operating the local United Way chapter that oversees the New York, New Jersey and Connecticut area. Now, she makes \$275,000. Beene's salary was based on a consultant's survey, determined by a 24-member search committee, and confirmed by the organization's 45-member volunteer board made up largely of corporate executives.

Berresford of the Ford Foundation said that her \$440,500 salary was based on an annual formal evaluation of the job market and her performance.

Washington lawyer Vernon E. Jordan Jr. heads the compensation, audit and management committee of the Ford Foundation board that conducts the review. Jordan's committee grades Berresford on financial management, the quality of the foundation's program, Berresford's ability to get along with the board and to represent the foundation.

When her predecessor, Franklin A. Thomas, retired in 1996 after 17 years, she was hired at a lower salary, a common practice in foundations. Thomas, during his last full year as president, was paid \$630,192, plus \$208,947 in benefits and a \$21,867 expense account.

"I feel very lucky to work for a noble institution with noble goals," said Berresford, "and I want to be fairly compensated for that work. I feel that the foundation's process, involving job analysis and market analysis, is fair and I don't ask for more than fairness."

Berresford said the important salary issues in the nonprofit world are at the bottom end. "The heritage of this field gives the impression that this is a field of volunteers, and therefore people should be compensated very meagerly. If we want it to be as important as it is, we need to provide a salary structure and career path so people don't burn out."

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Titanic: The book

By TIM WHITMORE

Walter Lord did not stand on the deck of the Titanic as the great ship went down 86 years ago, but it's easy to come away with that impression after talking with "Mr. Titanic."

It's all there inside Lord's mind, more vivid than the Technicolor of any cinematic blockbuster: deck plans and staircases; carpeting and wallpaper; the glass-smooth water of the North Atlantic and a looming iceberg; acts of heroism and cowardice.

From the wheelchair he uses to move a body debilitated by Parkinson's disease, the author of the seminal *A Night to Remember* speaks of the night of April 14-15, 1912 with a familiarity easily mistaken for the crystalline memories of a witness.

Lord, whose 1955 book restored the nearly forgotten disaster to America's cultural memory, observes that lifeboats on the starboard side of the Titanic "got away on the whole about 20 minutes earlier" than those lowered from the port side. He praises the coolheaded response of Second Officer Charles Lightoller, who fiercely enforced the rule of "women and children first." And he remarks on the amazing speed with which the ship Carpathia rushed to rescue the survivors from their lifeboats.

Can Lord see it all in his head? "Everything," he responds crisply. "What the different rooms look like, the people smoking in the lifeboats." In the four decades since publication, *A Night to Remember* has never been out of print. This year, propelled by the runaway success of the film *Titanic*, the book enjoyed a rare second run on the best-seller lists. At 80, Lord is back in the spotlight.

In an April ceremony at the Ocean Liner Museum in Manhattan, the institution's president, John Maxtone-Graham, presented Lord with a miniature of one of Titanic's funnels, that reads: "For Walter Lord, Mr. Titanic, who single-handedly raised the vessel from the bottom of the North Atlantic four decades ago."

A Baltimore native, a graduate of Princeton (1939) and of Yale Law School (1946), Lord was a copywriter for the J. Walter Thompson advertising agency when he stumbled into his life's work at a used book store.

What he found was a British officer's diary of travels in the South during the Civil War. Lord bought it, did some editing, and it was published in 1954 as *The Frenchie Diary*. Lord's editor then encouraged him to write a book himself, perhaps about that ship he was always talking about, the Titanic.

As a child, Lord sailed with his family on the Olympia, the Titanic's sister ship on the White Star Line. As a history buff, he was fascinated with great ocean liners and the Titanic's sinking in the North Atlantic on its maiden voyage.

The Titanic tragedy was actually

little remembered in the mid-1950s, pushed to history's back pages by the horrors of the two world wars, Lord theorizes. "It came to seem for a while unimportant and rather trivial to study the Titanic," he says.

Lord tracked down survivors by writing author's queries in several New York newspapers and discovered some who "had been waiting for years to tell their stories."

The 200-page book was an immediate hit with its minute-by-minute reconstruction of the disaster: the "unsinkable" ship's collision with an iceberg at 11:40 p.m.; the lowering of the first lifeboat at 12:45 a.m.; the Titanic's disappearance beneath the surface at 2:20 a.m.; the first rescue of survivors by the Carpathia at 4:10 a.m. More than 1,500 of the 2,200 passengers and crew died.

The book's smooth narrative came from intense research. Lord integrates survivor interviews and details culled from 1,200 pages of evidence and testimony from British and American inquiries into the wreck.

Like any good disaster tale, *A Night to Remember* illuminates the endless branching of human decisions — both flawed and brave — that give a tragedy its shape: the hubris of Capt. Edward J. Smith, who steamed forward despite repeated ice warnings; the folly of a nearby ship, the California, in ignoring the Titanic's distress call; the gallantry of men who stayed aboard to let women and children get away; the paralysis of the White Star Line's managing director, J. Bruce Ismay, who escaped in a lifeboat and went into seclusion.

With all the amazing true stories, Lord professes astonishment that James Cameron, who directed the movie, felt the need to add a fictional romance.

Similar themes of courage and folly echo through many of the 10 books Lord wrote later: *A Time to Stand*, about the Alamo; *Day of Infamy*, about Pearl Harbor; *Incredible Victory*, about the Battle of Midway; *The Past Lives On*, about the integration of the University of Mississippi. There was also a second Titanic book, *The Night Lives On*.

Lord developed Parkinson's disease in the early 1970s, and he now takes 27 pills each day to try to control the symptoms. But writing finally became too difficult, and he hasn't published a book since 1986. "My physical strength is just not there," he says.

He continues to speak to groups. Otherwise, Lord, who never married, spends much of his time in an apartment crammed with historical memorabilia that range from the sacred (the faded ticket tape that brought news of the Titanic disaster to the New York Times) to the mundane ("Titanic," a ship-shaped teapot). Eventually, Lord says, all of his Titanic material, including every known book on the disaster, will go to the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich, England. (AP)

In Tune



By David Brinn

Gloria Estefan's new album *Gloria* is a pure dance album with the heady backbeat conjuring up all that was good about the disco era — getting out on the floor and shakin' what you got. Fittingly, Estefan premiered her new opus at the legendary Studio 54 in New York City.

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While the opening track and first single, "Heaven's What I Feel" slammed into the Top 10 on the US charts, the upcoming single "Oye" even better expresses what Estefan is best known for — a successful fusion of Cuban/Latino music with mainstream American pop music.

The disc takes on the free-flowing party vibe of a vintage Miami Sound Machine record but with a few interesting twists. Wyclef Jean lends his rapping, production and remixing talents on "Don't Release Me," and the services of some of the world's hottest properties of dance music today are featured throughout. But Estefan is at her best when she sticks to her roots. The style developed with the Miami Sound Machine is her real

forte, and makes the best listening.

However, Estefan is not simply a Spanish version of Donna Summer or Gloria Gaynor. There is another, and equally salient aspect to this album — Cuba Libre! Estefan has chosen to use her stature to expose more thoroughly the music of her homeland. She continues to promote Cuban music with a warmth that comes from one who understands the depth of the genre. Not stopping at cultural admiration, Estefan's "Cuba Libre," included in both English and Spanish versions, reflects her longing for a country that still yearns to be free.

"Though we're apart, you live in my heart, I want my Cuba free, So that people can dance!" Ole!

SIMPLY Red is simply Mick Hucknall. Long the identifying element behind the British band's cool blue-eyed soul, Hucknall has decided that after more than a decade of hits culminating in a 1996 Best Of collection, it's simpler to do things himself. So on *Blue*, he's collaborated with a slew of studio musicians and proves that he has the right to keep the name of the band. Because this sounds like any other tasteful Simply Red disc.

Attractive upscale pop with a soulful bent, *Blue*'s identifying mark is the eclectic choice of cover versions Hucknall's come up with. Neil Young's boozy "Mellow My Mind" is turned around on its head with a funky, light arrangement. The same with the old Top 40 hit by The Hollies, "The Air That I Breathe." Hucknall breathes new life into these old warhorses, and elsewhere on his own material he more than keeps up with the standards his band achieved. For a soothing good time, call here.

SOOTHING is not a word that would describe Sonic Youth's 14th (!) disc *A Thousand Leaves*. The pioneering New York band virtually singlehandedly invented alternative rock back at the dawn of the 1980s because their feedback-drenched atonal guitars were far too weird to fit into the mainstream.

Age has barely mellowed the quartet, whose influence far outweighs their sales or popularity.



Gloria Estefan sings to the freedom of her native Cuba.

The husband and wife team of Thurston Moore and Kim Gordon still relish the discord of de-tuned guitars and disparate ideas. Full of experimentation and elongated jams, *A Thousand Leaves* is dotted with shards of pretty melodies bursting out against a stark backdrop. The band has always rejected the formal concept of songs in the traditional rock format, but amid the cacophony and mystical lyrics,

some truly impressive musical ideas emerge. Worth putting the time in if dissonance doesn't bother you.

PREVIEWED a few months ago with a four-song single, *Munki*, The Jesus and Mary Chain's first disc since 1994, continues the Scottish group's fixation with American rock icons The Velvet Underground and The Beach Boys.

If that pairing sounds incongruous, the band, led by Jim and William Reid, makes the mix work by sprucing everything up in fuzzy guitar squalls and Britrock attitude.

The lyrics are still wry and wicked, and the Reid's penchant for pop hooks has not atrophied in the four years of disuse. There's no new ground broken, but *Munki* should tow the Jesus and Mary Chain back into the pop landscape.

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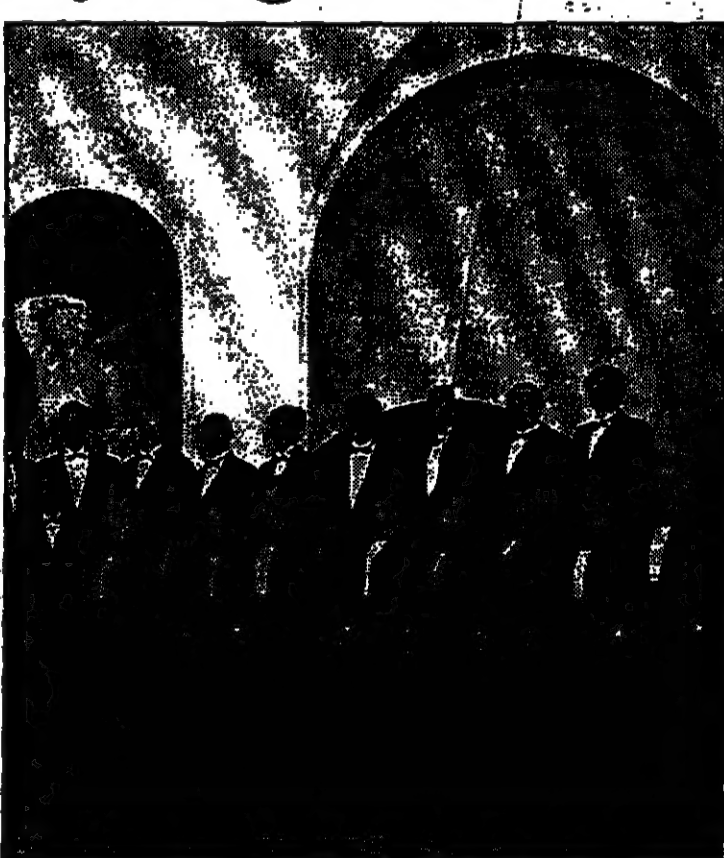
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mance. Their rendition of the work's first movement is well-rounded, full-bodied and thoroughly pleasing.

No apparent connection exists between Menahem Wieselberg's Concertino for cello and its enigmatic-sounding subtitle "Like the Clay in the Potter's Hand." Nevertheless, cellist Mickey Katz, 21, plays it with vivaciousness and a warm, expressive tone that contributes much to the work's accessibility.

Energetic drive and joy of music-making prevailed in Mendelssohn's Youth Symphony No. 10 and Mozart's Symphony No. 29. But the youthful vigor did not contradict a remarkable sense of maturity in the meticulous polish of the playing and the careful attention paid to detail.

A splendid, colorful sound was created by sharply profiled contrasts, well-placed accents, clear articulation, and audibility of inner parts that are frequently swallowed in standard renditions. As a result, the performance was more three-dimensional and professional than some of more rou-



Some of the singers in the Joenings Chamber Choir

fine renditions given by more adult and consequently more blasé orchestras.

THE SINFONIETTA season concluded last week with an impressive choral program directed by music-

ISRAEL SINFONIETTA
KEERSHERA
Choral works by Larsson and Mozart
Conductor: Uri Mayer
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director Uri Mayer. The 46-member Joenings Chamber Choir is an amateur ensemble whose members sing with professional assurance. Their voices ring powerfully, but their presentation is dignified and moderate, offering a full-bodied Scandinavian blend.

They premiered a 20th-century cantata by Lars-Eric Larsson (1908-96), *Disguised God* (1940), based on a Hellenic pastoral by Hjalmar Gullberg, *Apollo Disguised as a Shepherd*. The work is pleasant and sonorous. Its neo-romantic imagery derives from Wagner and Berlioz, while the vocal writing recalls Brahms. Soloists Eva Smedburg-Carlsson and bass Ove Gottling, who is also choir's conductor, complemented the work's idyllic vigor.

Mayer paced the Mozart Mass in C minor, K.427, for the modern listener — full, flowing and shying away from the work's mystic romanticism. The soprano aria *Et incarnatus est* gave Sharon Rostorf the opportunity to display her pure, clear and beautiful vocal line. Supporting soloists included soprano Gladys Mayo and Canadian tenor James McLean.

Max Stern

Sweet Scorpions

By JOEL GORDIN

Five outstanding musicians, playing on instruments dating back to the last century, were the leading attraction on the main stage The New Scorpion Band, guests from the UK, were every bit as professional as promised. Their music ranged from lead singer Tim Laycock's stirring, traditional

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English folk songs to ancient, foot-stomping reels and jigs belted out on, among other instruments, an Irish bagpipe, an English guitar, a harmonium, a bassoon and a cornet.

Unfortunately, the over-abundance of traditional English and Celtic sounds featured in the same program numbed the Scorpions' effect. The only non-English or Celtic act on the main stage was right at the beginning, when The Olde Taverners performed their rollicking, bawdy numbers, splendidly assisted by sultry, 19-year-old Yael Deckelbaum, who also gave attractive renditions of slow rock and blues numbers like Kris Kristofferson's "Me and My Bobby McGee." The Olde Taverners also produced a surprise in the form of Craig Sowers, lead singer of Smokin' Gun, the country band, since disbanded, that was the hit of the previous two festivals.

The amiable, tall, blond Texan who flew in specially from Fort Worth for the gig was on top form with his smooth renditions of sad, unrequited love songs from the taverns and prairies of the American heartland. Cahol (Blue) then played Irish and Scottish music with a slight Middle Eastern flavor. At this stage, when many folk had their fill of traditional English/Celtic sounds, Jerusalem's Jill Rogoff presented a show comprised mainly of traditional English and Scottish ballads. Rogoff has a gorgeous voice and a lovely stage personality, but some of her songs were more suited to a concert of classical folk music held in an

antique church hall rather than at a hootenanny for people of all tastes on a summer's evening on the shores of the Kinneret. Rogoff was followed by the Haifa-based Black Velvet that specializes in, guess what, Irish music. Late into the early morning, when Olde English/Celtic sounds were coming out of everybody's ears, the New Scorpion Band gave a second show.

Nobody would deny that any of the above groups are talented artists. However, Jacob's Ladder is not solely about music appreciation. It's a gathering of Anglo-Israelis (organizer Menahem Vinegrad himself once used the phrase "Anglo-Saxon Mimouna") who come to meet their friends and sing along with the music they loved in the "old country." At an event like this, it is essential to have balance. To have a predominance of Old English/Celtic music before such a gathering is like inviting all the country's Anglos to a sports afternoon made up of 10 cricket matches and one baseball game.

The Old English ballads, Scottish and Irish instrumentals should have been generously interwoven with lighter stuff with which more people can identify, like country music, protest songs and yes, "commercial" folk songs made famous by such musicians as John Denver, Simon & Garfunkel and Joan Baez.

The majority of folk at Jacob's Ladder would probably prefer to sing "Blowing in the Wind" and "Country Road" than obscure 19th-century ballads from Cork or Devon.

Of course, it's true that there were a plethora of singers singing "popular folk music" on the day stages, but the festival's showpiece is the main stage and "music that the folks like to sing" should not be relegated to the daytime. And, while Menahem and Yehudi Vinegrad are re-thinking next year's program they should try and move away from Ha'on. The relatively high entrance fee of up to NIS 140 a person is supposed to include a swim, but with so many people attending the festival, a bath in the lake is about as refreshing as a dip in a tub of yesterday's dirty bath water.

Kfar Blum classics

By MICHAEL AIZENSTADT

The Kol Israel Upper Galilee Music Days, better known as the Kfar Blum Chamber Music Festival, takes place this summer from July 23 to August 1.

Tickets (NIS 99-70) which usually disappear in an instant, are now on sale for 15 different programs featuring some of Israel's leading musicians such as Orit Orbach, Ruth Maayani, Chen Zimbalista, not to mention visitors such as Alexander Korsantiya and Igor Chetnev, the respective winners of the last two International Arthur Rubinstein Piano Master Competitions. Music director Avi Hanani has come up with a more than exciting program. It varies from the familiar classical repertoire of Mozart, Brahms, Schumann, Chopin, Beethoven and Dvorak, to 20th century music by Schoenberg, Crumb, Dohnany, Schnittke, Berio, Reichberg, Kurtag, and Piazzolla. There are also Israeli works by such Ami Ma'ayan, Michael Wolpe and others.

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Some fine ballet from the Joffrey

DANCE REVIEW

The company's second program gave the audience a better chance to become familiar with this fine ballet company's range of repertoire.

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July 1

and its dancers' successful encounter with a variety of artistic styles. The dancers were particularly

impressive in King's work, which draws its inspiration from the sharp contemporary ballet genre a la Forsythe and from rich Spanish musical elements compiled and composed by Donald Ivan Fontana.

Soloist Terace Jones in *Touch Me*, by Arpino was apparently chosen as the male answer to Judith Jamison in *Cry*, the 1971

solo created for her by Alvin Ailey. Both are particularly tall dancers who give a very expressive physical rendition of the gospel song that comforts the torn slave soul.

L'air D'esprit is also a spiritual journey, but a totally different one. This piece takes us back to the era of romantic ballet when the love object was ethereal rather than

earthly. Maia Wilkins, well supported by Davis Robertson, personifies the fragile intangible spirit who rarely touches the ground.

The evening ended (as in Program A) with *Light Rain*, appealing only in the encore version given in return for the audience's standing ovation. Suddenly, the dancers really sizzled, and the hottest of all was Calvin Kitten.

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Credibility counts

Politics is not a profession known for its truthfulness. To call something a "campaign promise" is almost equivalent to saying it will not happen. The public's perception of politicians is similar to what a rabbi once said of a well-known liar, "Not only is what he says untrue, but even the opposite of what he says is untrue."

Despite this, the reputation that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has developed for untruthfulness has become a serious liability for himself and for the nation.

Following the showdown in Gaza on Thursday night and Friday, the issue of Netanyahu's truthfulness overshadowed the debate over whether the government handled the crisis properly. In Sunday's cabinet meeting, National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon reportedly said to Netanyahu: "You say now that you have no criticism, but Friday night you told me on the phone that you, the defense minister, and the chief of staff were not happy with the solution. I would like to know what the truth is."

A flustered Netanyahu responded that what he told Sharon was a "private conversation."

Netanyahu reportedly had told Sharon that the agreement with the Palestinians was made at low levels, without his approval. This seems to be contradicted by reports that Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai was in close touch with officers in the field and with Netanyahu throughout the crisis. Mordechai himself says that he approved the agreement and fully supports it.

The first problem here is that Netanyahu is shown to be trying to have it all ways. On the one hand, he wants to be seen as giving the IDF full backing, and taking full responsibility for the decisions that had been made. On the other hand, he wants Sharon, his most powerful right-wing critic, to think that Netanyahu shares his concerns about the agreement reached.

In principle, the combination of private misgivings and public backing is not uncommon. Often, it is expected and even warranted for leaders to give public backing to decisions that they were not completely happy with.

In fact, Netanyahu has gotten into trouble in the past for poor relations with the security establishment, so his backing them in this instance could mean that he has learned a lesson.

But if Netanyahu backed the agreement all along and then lied to Sharon both about his knowledge of and his stance in the matter, then once again Netanyahu has contributed to his own credibility problem. This problem led to

the resignations of ministers Begin, Meridor, and Levy, each one in turn declaring that they no longer had "trust" in Netanyahu. In between, Netanyahu's flip-flops over the cancellation of the Likud primaries almost led to a full-fledged rebellion within the party, and to this day his promise to hold a referendum on the issue has not been fulfilled. Most recently, President Ezer Weizman suggested that Netanyahu misled him, and that the leaders of the region do not trust him either.

It is not surprising, under the circumstances, that Netanyahu feels betrayed by Sharon, who humiliated him in front of the cabinet by questioning his truthfulness. It was certainly a low blow on Sharon's part, but it also shows the high price Netanyahu pays for his lack of credibility.

For Netanyahu, lack of credibility is a vulnerability that is being exploited at every level: within the cabinet, by the opposition (some of whom have decided to start calling him a "liar" at every opportunity), and by Arab leaders. Anyone who has a beef with Netanyahu can start accusing him of deception and automatically be believed.

Obviously, lack of credibility is more than a personal political problem for Netanyahu. A leader who is not trusted, even by other politicians, drastically reduces his room to maneuver in any situation, since each party believes that only public pressure will ensure that promises are kept. On the international level, Netanyahu's lack of credibility translates into agreements being harder to achieve, and being constantly open to accusations of stalling.

What is more, credibility, like most assets relating to character, is much easier to puncture than it is to restore. Nothing one can say will restore credibility, because its lack is precisely what says words of their persuasive power.

Charles de Gaulle once said that "since a politician never believes what he says, he is surprised when others believe him." If this is the case, Netanyahu may not expect anyone to believe him, and therefore may not think that believability is an asset worth cultivating.

The issue here is not, however, some unrealistic and perhaps even detrimental standard of honesty, but a level of credibility necessary for the proper function of government at home and in international affairs.

Netanyahu should make the restoration of his credibility a top priority — by delivering on promises, and by watching what he says in private, not just in public.



Impeach the president

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu made a grave error last week by agreeing to meet with President Ezer Weizman to reconcile their differences. By doing so, he implied that Weizman's behavior had been legitimate.

Yet nothing could be further from the truth. Weizman has displayed an appalling disregard for proper presidential behavior throughout his two terms in office, but last Monday's demand for early elections went far beyond the bounds of the forgivable.

Weizman's habit of acting as a card-carrying member of the opposition did not begin with Netanyahu's election. He repeatedly and publicly criticized former prime ministers Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres for their handling of the peace process as well, and several Labor Party activists believe his pre-election blasts against Peres contributed to the latter's 1996 electoral defeat.

Weizman, apparently, is the only person who knows how to conduct the peace process: Rabin and Peres went too fast, while Netanyahu moves too slowly.

Both then and now, however, there has been a tendency to excuse the president's behavior as an unavoidable part of what one newspaper termed his "shoot-from-the-lip" personality. To some extent, this is true.

In almost every post he has held, he has tried to undermine those above him. He circulated stories that during the Six Day War — when he served in the general staff under then-chief-of-general-staff Yitzhak Rabin — Rabin collapsed from stress.

As a minister in both Likud and Labor-led governments, he was often indistinguishable from an opposition MK: for instance, he called for replacing the cabinet with a national peace government or for early elections when serving as Menachem Begin's defense minister in the late 1970s. In light of this history, Rabin's decision to make Weizman Labor's presidential can-

BY MELYN GORDON

didate in 1993 is perplexing.

But Weizman's unwillingness, or inability, to control his tongue is not an excuse, it is merely proof that he is unfit for a post such as the presidency. This is why Netanyahu, far from owing Weizman an apology, was justified in his criticism of the president.

Weizman did undermine Netanyahu's negotiating position. How can Yasser Arafat justify to the Palestinian public the security measures Netanyahu rightly wants when the president of Israel says they are unnecessary?

BUT equally correct and in the long run, even more important — was Netanyahu's charge that Weizman's behavior constituted a serious constitutional problem. Because no administration whether Labor or Likud can function properly when the head of state is working to undermine the elected government at home and abroad.

This is the real danger of excusing Weizman's actions as just part of his personality. Norms change and letting Weizman get away with behavior previous presidents would have considered unthinkable makes it likely that his successors will feel free to do the same. An institution that was once an asset will thereby become a grave liability.

The presidency was conceived because especially in a country with such deep political and social divisions, it seemed important to have a head of state who could represent the consensus both at home and abroad.

The president's visits to families of fallen soldiers or terror victims, for instance, express the nation's grief whereas ministers' visits often become debates on whether government policies helped cause the death. Similarly, the president can represent Israel's achievements overseas untainted by diplomatic disputes.

If, however, the president

becomes just another politician (whether opposition or coalition) he can, at best, no longer fulfill this role. At worst, he will undermine the government's efforts abroad, and polarize an already polarized nation at home still further.

Were Weizman's behavior to become the norm, it would be better to abolish the presidency altogether. Yet since there is no way to enact, or enforce, a gag rule on a president, the only way to keep future occupants of this office from emulating Weizman's behavior is to ensure that the current president pays a price for it.

It is unfortunate that the opposition with the laudable exception of MK Uzi Baran (Labor), who stated bluntly that Weizman should run for parliament if he wants to be a political leader, is too eager for short-term political gains to acknowledge the constitutional gravity of Weizman's actions, and has therefore defended him.

But even if coalition and opposition were united in outrage, it is hard to imagine someone with Weizman's utter disregard for proper behavior having the decency to resign. There is, however, one option open. Though it has never been used, the Basic Law: The President permits a president to be impeached for behavior inappropriate to his status as president of the state.

It is hard to imagine any behavior more inappropriate to the presidency than calling for toppling the elected government. While it needs only a complaint signed by 20 MKs to start impeachment hearings, a three-fourths majority in both the House Committee and the plenum is needed to complete them.

Therefore, unless the opposition rediscovers principles, Weizman will probably survive. However, the proceedings would send a clear warning to future presidents that such behavior is unacceptable while by doing nothing, the Knesset sends the signal that it is perfectly okay.

Private lives

WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY JR.

So where are we on the privacy front? The morning papers carry an account of the resignation with which we learn of conversations held by witnesses in judicial inquiries. Sidney Blumenthal comes out from a few hours with the grand jury and conducts, so to speak, his own press conference, at which he tells of being asked whether the president spoke of having sex with Lewinsky (No), and whether the president ever confided (confided!) to him whether he thought oral sex was sure-enough sex (No comment); and whether, in the president's view, there was anything really wrong, biblically, with sexual intercourse (Depends).

Then there was that whole business stirred up by Steven Brill, the common denominator of which was that everybody should read his new magazine, Brill's Content.

It began with an interview with Kenneth Starr, the most vulnerable political figure in recent history, who would get into trouble if he called a reporter to opine that the moon was not made of green cheese. It was quickly argued that for Starr to report on anything at all involving grand jury appearances was to poach upon the laws of privacy.

No no! Mr. Starr explained. It is wrong to say what it was that went on inside a grand jury room, but it isn't wrong to speak in an entirely different context, namely to explain why Witnesses X and Y were appearing before the grand jury.

To do that is to supply the public with a little political narrative, sufficient to maintain the public's faith that something is going on to grease the wheels of justice.

All of this quickly gave way to questions having to do with Mr. Brill's own conduct. What he did was to conduct interviews with diverse press people, but some of them yelled and screamed that

Studs Terkel lamented the time given to every word, undershort and demand of the people who paper People magazine

what they had said was not faithfully reported.

But wasn't that as easy to solve as to come up with a tape? Ah, but Brill did not use a tape. He never uses a tape. Like Truman Capote, he has ears that seal in the exactitudes of everything everybody says, and who could ask for anything more?

Well, some of the reporters allegedly traduced wanted a great deal more, but can't have it. Their privacy was in the worst sense violated. They were reported to have said what they insist they did not say and do not believe.

THE question of privacy arose at a recent public forum in Hartford, Conn., where all the participants said pretty much what was expected. But the focus of the argument quickly became the matter of celebritydom.

Studs Terkel, in from Chicago, lamented the time given to examining every word, act, shoe, tie, undershort, demand and verbiage of the kind of people who paper People magazine.

Others more or less cluck-cuckied their agreement that curiosity about celebrities had gone to unnatural lengths, but the question that arose: Who is responsible? The people who egg on the tabloids, i.e., the readers, or the people who run the tabloids — the publishers and editors who stimulate and then play upon the public's curiosity?

A neglected aspect of the privacy question is the question of congressional conduct. When the president submitted as his nomination for ambassador to Luxembourg a San Francisco businessman and philanthropist known to be gay, the anti-gay movement was expected to crank up — to say what? That a gay ambassador to Luxembourg would be publicly disturbing.

There is no congressional reform, such as a statute of limitations on investigative curiosity, that would protect a president as morally footloose as the incumbent; there is no way to shield him from such questions as he did (or did not) discuss with Mr. Blumenthal. And there is no practical way, especially in an age of instant information, to discourage the kind of celebrity fixation deployed by Mr. Terkel.

But it helps to focus on the question. And to ask: Is it possible to formulate restraints that the journalistic community would observe, without worrying whether their doing so had a chilling effect on the dissemination of news and opinion?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BLIND HATRED

Sir, — I refer to David Weinberg's article "What about the living?" (July 5) in which he admits that the haredim "do wonderful work in the *hevra kadisha* societies" and do "compassionate and difficult work after terrorist bombings," but refers to the community's "absolute and sometimes seemingly exclusive concern for the dead."

Reading this article, I was reminded of an occasion when I was helping a CP youngster walk along the road. I was one of a number of people who took turns trying to help her exercise her muscles in the hope that the day would come when she would be

independent. The task was physically exhausting, and very time-consuming. As I was helping this girl one day I was accosted by a non-haredi acquaintance who said to me: "You haredim never do anything for anyone. I am just coming back from the demonstration. Why aren't you there?"

I said to him that I thought that by working with this girl I was doing an important job for the state, at least as important as attending the demonstration he was referring to would have been.

Moreover, he could see with his own eyes that it wasn't true that I never did anything for anyone. He

glanced at the girl, and admitted shamefacedly that I was right. The girl had been there all the time for him to see. He just had not wanted to see the evidence of his own eyes.

There are many haredi organizations that help the living. Yad Sarah and Ezer Mizion to name but a few. There is none as blind as those who do not want to see, and for the David Weinbergs of this country, any stick is good enough with which to hit the haredi community, never mind the reality of the situation.

Jerusalem.

JUDITH WEIL

DEALING WITH THE LIVING

get people, are haredim. The Jerusalem community of Har Nof organized its own volunteer first aid organization 10 years ago. I served in that organization for five years, going out in the middle of the night, on Shabbat, on Yom Kippur, in the middle of the Seder, and at the expense of family time, simply because like all haredim, I understand that nothing is more valuable than a human life.

20 YEARS SINCE 'GREASE'

Sir, — I must admit I had to chuckle at Allison Kaplan Sommer's article "Age is the word" (June 30) — was it 20 years since "Grease"?

I was reminded that about that time I was revisiting London, my

hometown, and the young hotel clerk told me excitedly one morning "I've won two tickets to Grease." "Oh really," I replied innocently. "Have you been there before — are you going by air or by sea?" He looked at me pityingly and

said, "No! Not Greece! Grease, the show!" He thought I came from the moon, not to have heard of the famous show.

Haifa.

DORIS HASSON

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

65 years ago: On July 7, 1933, *The Palestine Post* reported that the British foreign secretary, Sir John Simon, informed the House of Commons that all applications for immigration to Palestine made by the Jewish Agency on behalf of Jews in Germany had

been granted. 50 years ago: On July 7, 1948, *The Palestine Post* reported that the cease-fire was broken in Jerusalem by the Arabs for the fourth consecutive day. A \$50,000 cargo of vital medical supplies chartered by Hadassah and flown to Israel by a KLM

plane arrived in Jerusalem aboard three trucks. The colors of the Israel Army's Sixth Brigade, defending the Jerusalem district, were formally handed over to its commander, David Stalitel, at a festive ceremony. Alexander Zvielli

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A Palestinian 'gift to ourselves'

As self-rule frees Palestinian artists from traditional political constraints, a Jerusalem art center is attempting to combine 100 years of Palestinian art into a database headed for the World Wide Web, Allison Buckholtz writes

Nahil Bishara never dreamed of exhibiting her paintings internationally.

In fact, most Palestinian artists of Bishara's time, struggling with Israel's creation, the consequent occupation and finally the peace talks, never expected anything more than local appreciation.

But the al-Wasiti Art Center in Jerusalem's Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood is trying to change all that with a database of 57 Palestinian artists that spans almost 100 years and is headed for the World Wide Web.

"This database is a gift we are giving to ourselves as Palestinian people," said Fadya Rishmawi, an assistant at al-Wasiti. "There is some amazing art here, and we want to hold onto it."

The database gives artists working today a sense of their roots, and it gives the rest of the world another perspective on what it means to be Palestinian.

Until the early 1900s, Palestinian art was comprised mainly of handicrafts: embroidery, straw weaving, and pottery. As a result, art was not considered a legitimate artistic or academic pursuit.

Western notions of decorative art forms – the kind you hang on the wall – filtered down to the Middle East via Lebanon and Europe, mostly during the British rule of Egypt during the first part of the 20th century.

It was only in 1912, after an art exhibit in Egypt, that artists in the modern Arab world started their search for a genre of their own.

PALESTINIAN art was first launched in 1952, according to local lore, when the first exhibit of paintings by Palestinians was hung in Gaza. The realistic works, by a husband-and-wife team, were based on the Palestinian refugee status.

"The hero in these paintings was a sad figure," said Sliman Mansour, director of al-Wasiti. "The art showed people weeping, men sitting in the snow, forlorn women."

Palestinian nostalgia for the villages they abandoned with Israel's founding was the theme of Palestinian paintings through the 1950s.

But with the 1965 creation of the

PLO, the hero of Palestinian art was transformed into a strong, proud fighter.

"Palestinian art is basically political, and in many cases you can track current events by reading canvases," said Sarit Shapira, a curator at Israel Museum and a specialist in Palestinian art.

"But the politics are abstracted, and there is always a supplementary value. For example, many of the works themselves have to do with issues of absence, which is relevant regardless of one's politics."

The Israel Museum has in recent years made a concerted effort to purchase works by Palestinian artists for their permanent collection. It just acquired an installation

by Khalil Rabach, a prominent artist from Ramallah.

But Israeli Jewish reception of Palestinian art is charged with more than just aesthetic values.

"To show Palestinian art, and to view it, is to admit that Palestinians have a culture, an identity, a history," Shapira said. "Their materials alone demon-

strate they have roots in the land."

The life of artist Nahil Bishara, who died a year ago and whose paintings are now being compiled into the al-Wasiti database, reflects the development of Palestinian art and its delayed publicity.

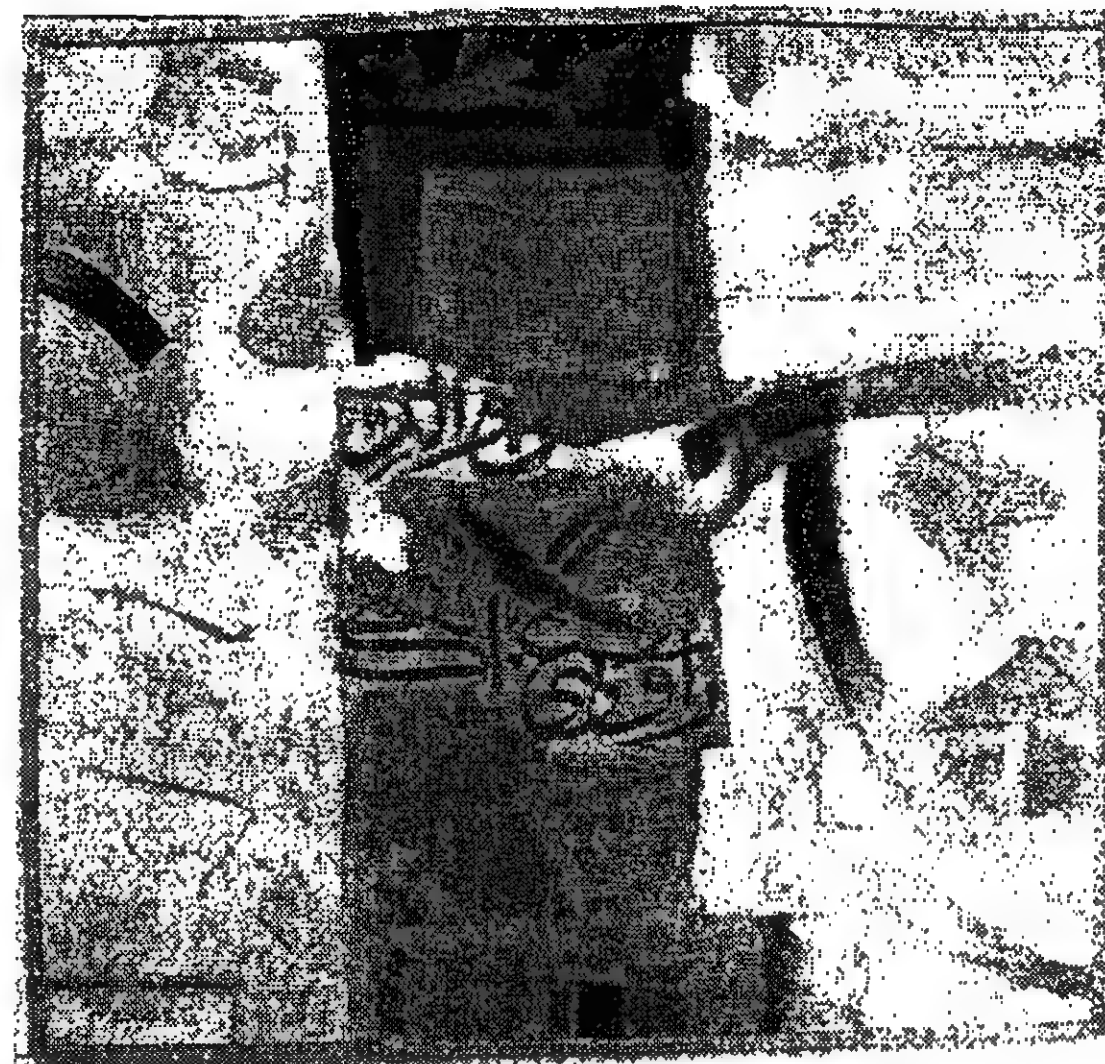
Bishara was born in Jerusalem in the late 1920s and was studying at the Bezalel Academy of Art and Design when war broke out in 1948. She moved with her family from their home in the German Colony to eastern Jerusalem and never resumed her studies. Instead, Bishara married and had a family of her own.

However, she never stopped painting portraits and landscapes – using both realistic and impressionistic styles.

"Most people would never expect this from a Palestinian woman of her generation and lifestyle," said center assistant Rishmawi. "But this is also what Palestinians were doing these past few decades."

DESPITE the activity, only two books have been written on Palestinian art.

Al-Wasiti's mission is to track down and catalogue the Palestinian



(Above and left) 'The possibility of things' and 'A visit to the well-known,' both mixed media, 1997: The peace process has made him more honest with himself, says artist Khaled Hourani.

artists – filling into the center's database extensive biographies on each artist's life, two dozen slides of their work, and interviews with those still alive. The materials, size, title and circumstances of creation are noted in detail.

"Until recently the information we have had about Palestinian art and artists has been extremely limited," said center director Mansour. "Our goal is to broaden our view of our own accomplishments."

The center is named after Yehya al-Wasiti, a 13th-century pioneer of Arab painting, and is housed in a private home built in 1920.

"When artists exhibit works at a center like ours, and when their art becomes available on our database, it allows them to feel that they're an artist like any other, not just an artist defined by their political status," said Rishmawi.

The building itself is a far cry from the dilapidated home Mansour found in 1993.

"Hitcock couldn't have staged such a horror show," Mansour remembered. "There were bones in corners, rats hanging from the ceiling, scorpions crawling the walls. Anything that makes you shiver lived in that

house. It took three trucks to cart the trash away."

Today the building boasts a well-decorated and comfortable gallery and is surrounded by a large, luxurious courtyard containing Byzantine ruins.

The courtyard is rented to the Pasha Restaurant – a ploy to lure foreigners into the center and introduce them to the Palestinian art exhibited inside.

The plan was concocted along with the Society for Arab-Arab Relations, one of the funders of the center.

"We wanted to help bring Palestinian art to the rest of the world while bringing world art to the Palestinians," said Fritz Froelich, the society's representative in Israel. "Art contributes to pluralism in society, and there was an enormous lack of art in the Palestinian community."

MUCH of the staff's energy is directed at training the youngest generation of potential Palestinian artists.

"We followed local art education for elementary school kids, and we quickly saw that there were no well-trained art teachers, no one helping kids discover nature and themselves through art," Mansour said.

When schools were not forthcoming about starting their own programs, the center stepped in. Today there are daily classes for Arab children up to the eighth grade.

It's an overwhelming task, but "kids love it," Mansour said. "In a three-hour time frame, they learn how to look at art, and they make their own art with materials we provide. It opens their minds to a new form of expression, something other than talking or fighting."

Today, Mansour said, the main concern of Palestinian artists is to begin to separate politics from art. But escaping politics is more easily said than done.

Palestinian artists refuse to take part in official Israeli exhibits that could make their work known to a more international audience.

For this reason, there are no Palestinian artists in the Israel Museum's commemorative jubilee exhibit, "To the East: Orientalism in Israeli Art," a natural venue for displaying Palestinian art.

Curator Shapira finds the situation frustrating, but understandable.

"These artists have never defined themselves as Israeli, even if they have lived within Israel's borders for a lifetime. To them, participating in an exhibit on the 50th anniversary, in Jerusalem, at a place like the Israel Museum, would be tantamount to accepting the occupation."

And Israeli occupation has been a major theme for Palestinian artists through the years.

During the intifada, for example, Mansour, a sculptor, began to work with hay and mud "to show the connection to the land we were fighting and dying for. We used the land to make the art."

Other Palestinian artists used wood, leather, locally-milled soap, or took their dyes from natural materials.

ISRAELI travel restrictions also handicap Palestinian artists and



'Jerusalem' by Nahil Bishara, oil, 1960s: Her life reflects what was going on 'behind the scenes' in Palestinian art.

students, said Vera Tamari, a professor of Islamic art and architecture at Bir Zeit University and a founding member of al-Wasiti.

"People come from all over the world to see the Dome of the Rock, which is about 10 minutes away from Bir Zeit," Tamari said. "But when I teach Islamic art history, I have to lecture on the Dome of the Rock through slides because my class is consistently denied a permit into Jerusalem."

Rather than discouraging her students, however, the hardships leave them "thirsty for more," according to Tamari.

The students come to university with no foundation or exposure to art whatsoever, and this makes them very creative and adaptable when they do learn."

In any case, the establishment of Palestinian self-rule has freed artists from traditional political constraints and allowed them to address more personal issues and take a more formal approach to their art.

"The peace process changed me as an artist, and my approach

changed," said Khaled Hourani, a Ramallah-based painter. "My painting isn't limited to the 'Palestinian problem' anymore, and there is less of a focus on rules."

These rules, Hourani explained, were internalized by him and other artists who were overly concerned with what Palestinian gallery viewers wanted.

"When I did exhibits six years ago, I already had the gallery visitors in mind when I started painting," he said.

"Now I ask myself what I want to say, and for whom I am painting, rather than focusing on what the Palestinian people are looking for. I'm honest with myself, and this comes across in the medium I use to present ideas and feelings."

His colleague, ceramist and painter Issam Bader, says no matter what the intention, Palestinian art will always have a political hue.

"If Palestinian artists drew pictures of spring, it would be seen as a comment on the political situation. If I exhibited a blank canvas, people would search for the mean-

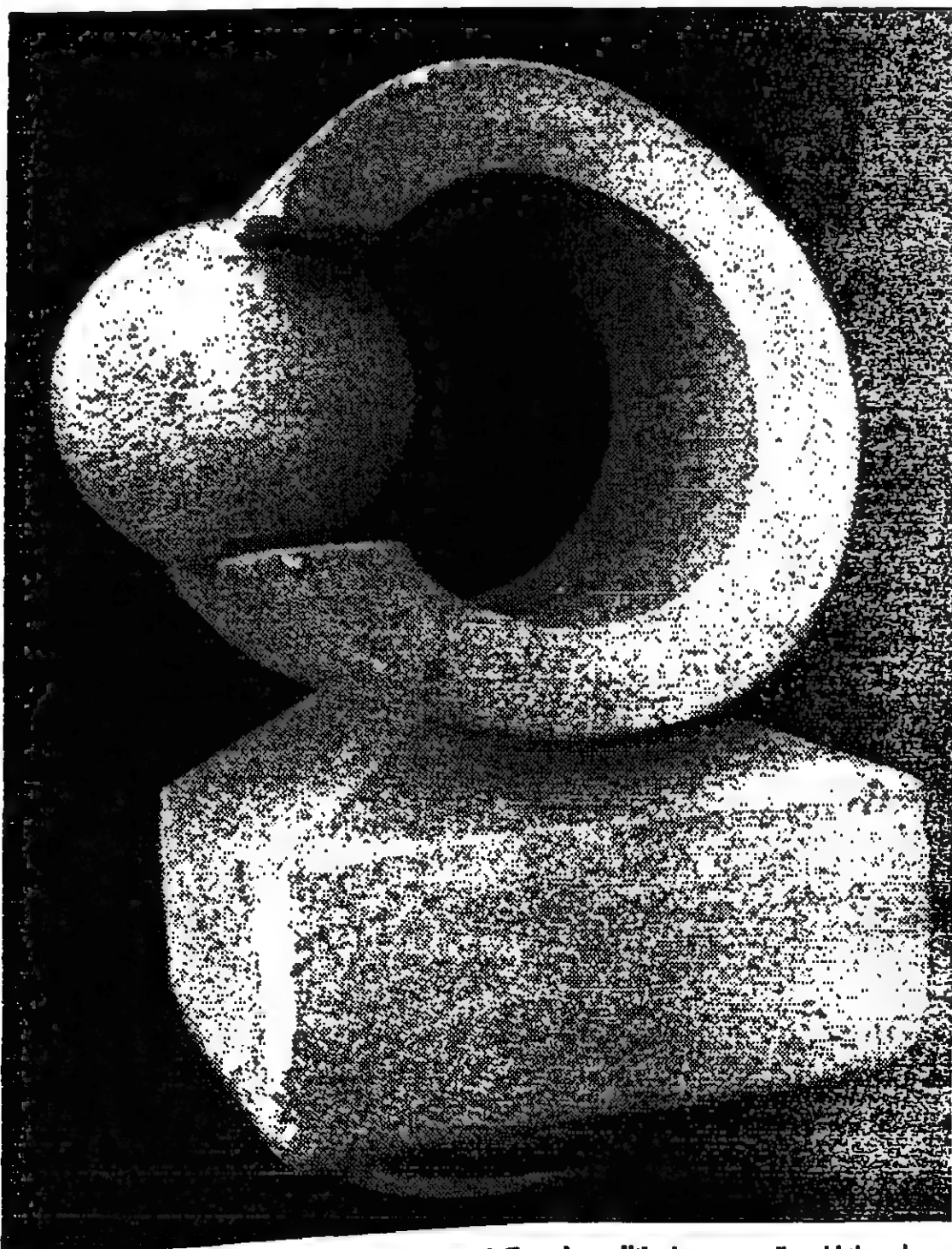
ing. Those who are viewing the piece make it political, because that's what their background is. They're defined by where they live, and so am I, even as an artist."

Bader, who heads the art and handicrafts department of the Palestinian Authority's Ministry of Culture, began his career as a painter in the late 1960s by drawing horses.

"Horses were the ultimate symbol of the Palestinian revolution," he said, "and everything I did had a horse in it."

Later Bader began to produce black pottery with symbols based on the traditional dress of Palestinian women, creating a technique to reproduce red and green on the black pottery – harkening to the Palestinian national flag.

Bader's incorporation of political motifs in art, however, betrays his true hope: "One day I'd like to live in a human situation and be an artist without having to think about politics. This is my dream."



George Anastas, 'Resistance,' building block 1986: Escaping politics is more easily said than done.

How I learned to love the World Cup

OK, I know that I've got two automatic strikes against me when it comes to enjoying the World Cup soccer championships.

First of all, I'm female. Second of all, I'm American. These two factors alone have convinced most of my friends in the same two categories to write themselves off as a lost cause.

For them, the great Mondial phenomenon is something to be tolerated only if members of the household are enthusiastic about viewing it. If not, it's something to be totally ignored.

Indeed, at the time of the previous World Cup, which took place a year after I first moved here, I viewed the entire phenomenon from an amused, highly disinterested distance.

Certainly, I thoroughly enjoyed some of the side benefits, like getting a seat in the most popular cafes, not standing in line at the movies and going out for a drink with girlfriends usually tied up with their significant others.

But this time, four years later, I unexpectedly got the urge to plunge in and try to care. Why? Who knows.

Maybe it is the fact that since

don't appreciate the game because I've never played. Like many American kids, male and female, kiddle soccer leagues were a part of my childhood.

So, yes, I know what a soccer ball feels like when it's kicked into my forehead.

Armed with this appreciation, I equipped myself this summer with the required sunflower seeds and cashews and took a seat in front of the television.

And I've watched. I've watched men kick a black-and-white ball up and down the field. And up and back again. And then, one more time, up and back.

Yes, they are very skilled at kicking that ball. But the truth is, unlike my spectator sport of choice, basketball, nothing seems to really happen during a soccer game, even at this high level.

The goals are too few and far between for my taste, and I just can't get worked up over the almost scoring of a goal.

But I've persisted.

Thinking that maybe my problem was not caring who won, I've looked for random reasons to cheer for one team or another. I decided to punish England for their fans' hooliganish behavior off the field by rooting against

Home Front



Allison Kaplan Sommer

The main reason, I think, was the feeling that the whole event was like a big party that everyone else seemed to be enjoying while I stood pathetically looking in the window

parenthood, I am less able to take advantage of those empty cafe and movie seats. Maybe it was the politically intriguing Iran-US game toward the beginning of the tournament that caught my interest.

Maybe it was the fact that since the NBC Superchannel disappeared from the screen, there has been a large hole in my television viewing schedule.

But the main reason, I think, was the feeling that the whole event was like a big party that everyone else (pretty much the whole world, except for my native USA) seemed to be attending and enjoying, while I stood pathetically looking in the window.

So I walked in, mingled a bit, and started to check out if it was worth hanging around. After all, it's not as if one needs to be a genius to understand soccer.

It's not a slow-paced all-American game that statisticians-crazed men have turned into a nightmare math class, like baseball or American football. No, the game's universal appeal is that, when it comes down to it, soccer is a bunch of guys trying to kick a ball into a net.

And no one can claim that I

them (secretly thrilled that it is the British - who supposedly taught the rest of the world good manners and civilized behavior - who have been causing the most trouble.)

I cheered on the Italians because of the dramatic way they reacted to scoring, or even almost scoring a goal; and the Brazilians because everyone else in Israel seems to like them.

I confess that, all too frequently, I let my hormones get in the way and rooted for the team with the best-looking players.

All of this helped a bit, though I still didn't miss *Seinfeld* for any of the soccer games.

But the bottom line is, this World Cup I am sufficiently clued in to respectfully hold up my end of a conversation at the local grocery store or with a taxi driver.

For an American chick, this is something of an accomplishment.

Yes, indeed, slowly, gradually, I am making progress. Check back with me in four years.

Who knows? I just might be glued to the screen, spitting sunflower seeds and cursing loudly with the best of them.

The bomb dogs

Worried about terror at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australian police are training explosives detectors - with four legs and wet noses, writes Ellen Gamerman

Mark Barron is darting around an abandoned warehouse in Front Royal, Va., in his ready-for-action government jumpsuit.

Stern-faced and swift-moving, he seems ready for Armageddon as he hunts for explosives in this remote building in the Shenandoah Mountains.

Suddenly, this bomb terminator from Australia stops cold, turns to his bomb-sniffing dog, Debbie, and bursts into a squeaky, high-pitched squeal.

"GOOD GIRL!" the tough guy gushes as Debbie wags her tail and pants with drooly enthusiasm.

Debbie has just noticed a trace of TNT in a metal canister, a feat that wins her a snack and plenty of praise at bomb-sniffing boot camp. She and 15 other future bomb dogs are training for duty at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia.

Teaching ordinary Labradors to sniff out things that go ka-boom is a specialty of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms, whose widely acclaimed Canine Explosives Detection Program in Front Royal has drawn takers from at least 10 countries.

Fearing terrorism and spooked by the bombing at the Atlanta Olympics in 1996, Australian

police have decided to recruit and train their bomb dogs here.

Master and dog share a mission: On this day, five Australian trainers are trying to get their dogs to learn the faintest smells of the 10 most common explosive agents used in bombs. Each time a dog recognizes an explosive, the trainer hands it a reward.

Working on hundreds of drills seven days a week, the pair get along like two guys in a buddy movie.

"I won't shake your hand - it's a bit like shaking a dog's hand, or maybe a dog's mouth," Barron, an officer with Australia's New South Wales Police, says, cheerfully extending his hand anyway after wiping it on his pants.

As part of the training, he has just lavished praise - along with one of what will be 100 dog snacks in one day - on Debbie, the black Lab.

The canines - seeing-eye-dog school rejects, kicked out for chasing squirrels and the like - will be reincarnated as top-flight bomb experts.

After completing the center's work-intensive and wide-ranging bomb-sniffing regimen this fall, these dogs will be sent Down Under with their police masters.

There, they will live like divas.

When Barron takes the 20-hour flight home to Australia, his canine will sit in the cabin with him. When Barron stays in hotels, the center expects him to give up part (or all) of his bed when the canine is especially pooped. The dog will get only the best doctors, the best food, the best accommodations.

"This is no ordinary dog," says Rhonda Bokorney, an ATF special agent who heads the canine operations center. "He's your pet, and he's your partner."

Bokorney, a feisty and freckled Kansan who oversees the 16-week program, is a law enforcer who reveres dogs enough to swap "mixed breed" when someone uses the word "mutt" around her.

She makes sure the center churns out 40 dogs a year with US government certification, a guarantee that they can smell several different kinds of compounds used in most explosives.

For the Australians, a dog with a gold-plated resume sounds pretty reassuring, especially given their worries about bomb attacks at the Sydney Olympics.

"Having seen it done in Atlanta, we were concerned," says Sgt. Bob Cameron, a bomb dog training coordinator for an Australian police force.



In the Summer Games in Atlanta, a pipe bomb full of nails and screws killed a woman when it exploded in Centennial Olympic Park - an area not patrolled by state or federal bomb dogs because it was not a sports venue.

Discussing the tragedy, Cameron gets nervous not just for himself, but for his dogs.

"Ivan," he says to a canine sitting near him, "shut your ears."

Most of the dogs trained at the center are exported overseas. Raised as puppies by American families, about 160 of them have gone to foreign countries, with the State Department footing the bulk of the bills.

Alumni include canines working at the Vatican, in the security detail for Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and on duty in the world's airports.

Buying and training a bomb dog can cost the US government up to \$8,000 - excluding the salaries of trainers and other expenses.

Washington recently allotted \$7 million to expand the center, partly on the theory that the US government has an interest in protecting international travel and American personnel overseas from bomb blasts.

The government's canine program is unusual because it conditions dogs not to jump and become excited when they smell explosives, but instead to calmly sit or halt at the scent.

The dogs' senses of smell are so

acute - more than 100 times the ability of humans - that they can sniff a trace of explosive smaller than a grain of sugar.

This is a dream job for a big eater. The canines are trained with food rewards and get snacks all day instead of meals. They start out sniffing residue in small tins and then smell their way through schools, airports and bomb-filled bunkers rigged by agents.

"It's not like we're asking the dog to do math - it's a simple matter of conditioning," Bokorney says. "No dog has failed our program because he could not figure out an odor."

It's macho talk, but the dogs seem to deliver.

One of the center's dogs detected the explosive residue on a gun from outside a car in Athens - even though the gun was locked in a glove compartment. Another sniffed out a bomb-filled booty trap at the home of Egyptian terrorists.

A well-trained dog can smell bombs buried underground more than 50 years ago.

The mission has done well by its charges. So far, none of the center's dogs has died in the line of duty. Plus, they get official treatment, with a badge and a government ID. No wonder Crawford says these canines have better than a dog's life.

"Look at them - they're smiling," he says, surveying his class. "I think they like doing what they do."

(Baltimore Sun)



(Above) At the canine boot camp, Glynnis, a Labrador retriever, learns to sniff out traces of explosives smaller than sugar grains; (top right) Glynnis with her instructor. (Perry Thorpe/The Baltimore Sun)

A platonic relationship isn't enough for me

Dear Ruthie, Ever since my divorce two years ago, I have been close friends with a woman I met at a support group. Though we've never had a physical relationship, I have always been attracted to her. Because of the circumstances of her own divorce, which left her feeling very vulnerable and afraid of involvement, she prefers to keep our friendship platonic. We have often discussed this subject, as we spend an inordinate amount of time on the phone with one another, as well as meeting for lunch and an occasional dinner.

My feelings toward her have continued to grow, as I'm sure hers have for me, but she remains adamant about not wanting to "spoil the friendship." She is convinced that the only reason I am still with her is because we have not been to bed together, and that the moment this changed, it would be the end.

I really don't believe this is the case. It is such a new experience for me having a woman I can talk to that I think our relationship might just work. The problem is that she knows a lot about me from our sessions in the support group, and even more since

we spend so much time revealing our innermost thoughts. Because of this, she is even more convinced that our friendship would be in jeopardy if we were to become romantically attached.

You see, she has heard all the stories of my old patterns with women, and the story of how I divorced my wife when I had an affair with a woman I thought I wanted to marry. Still, I am convinced I have changed since knowing this woman. I am very frustrated, because the platonic side of the relationship is not enough for me. What can I do?

Frustrated Friend
Somewhere in Israel

Dear FF,

The first thing you can do is let up a little. Your friend's repeated refusals may be her way of trying to extract a guarantee of your eternal loyalty. Apparently, her fear of being hurt is so great that she is unwilling to take even minimal risk where her love-life is

concerned. This would undoubtedly be the case even if you had a squeaky-clean record where women are concerned; but it is compounded by her knowledge of your previous patterns, ones which you have revealed to her in word, if not in deed.



Ruthie Blum

Your next order of business is to ask yourself why you are being so relentless in your demand that the nature of your relationship with this woman shift from friendship to sex involvement. Consider

the possibility that frustration isn't the only thing at work here. Perhaps, for example, your fond feelings for her are coupled with the need for "conquest." Maybe she senses some element of this and it is adding to her apprehension about what would happen to the friendship if she were to give in. If so, then you are being less of a friend to her than you would like to imagine.

If, on the other hand, your motives are real-

ly those you claim, easing up on the pressure is certainly a better course than the one you have been adopting. Since there is no way you can promise that nothing will change for the worse in the event that sex gets added to the equation, it is healthier at this point for you to stop taking all the responsibility for romance upon yourself. It is certainly healthier for her to start accepting some of it herself.

She may claim to want to keep things the way they are because she counts on your interest in her being more than platonic. When she ceases to take this for granted, she may have no choice but to take some initiative. If her anxiety about men is too great for this, you are better off not pushing the relationship further in any case.

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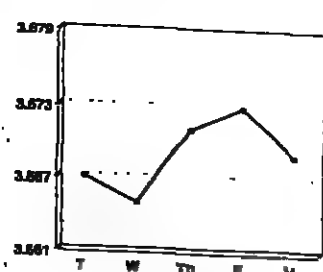
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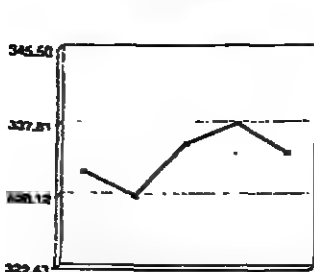
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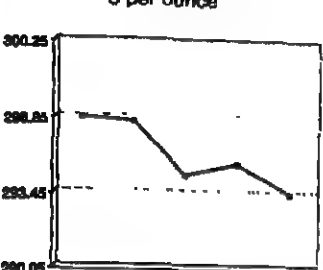
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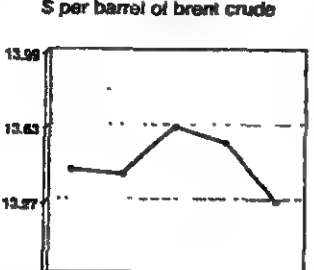
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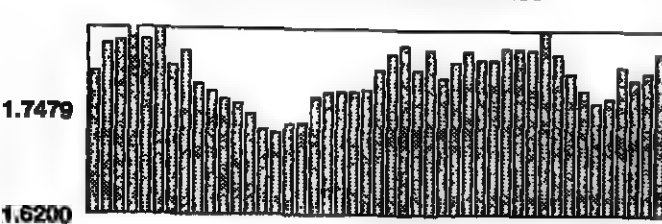
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Tax commission plans high-tech reforms

Income Tax Commissioner Doron Levy this week appointed a committee to investigate the possibility of a far-reaching reform in tax regulations concerning the high-tech industry, according to a statement issued yesterday by the commission.

The committee, headed by accountant Danny Doron, has the freedom to make any recommendations to improve the tax system. No timetable has been set for the advisory panel, which will operate on an ongoing basis. *David Harris*

MK panel approves major section of gas law

The Knesset Economics Committee yesterday approved a major part of the gas bill, which aims to open the gas station market to competition. Among the measures approved: the Israel Lands Administration must free up land for 50 gas stations this year and 75 in each of the next two years and individual gas companies will be prevented from owning stations less than one kilometer apart in cities and 10 kilometers apart in open areas.

The bill has been sent to the plenum for its second and third readings. *David Harris*

Now It's Gad Propper 'OBE'

Former Israel-Britain Chamber of Commerce chairman Gad Propper was this week awarded an honorary Order of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II for his work in improving trade relations between the two countries.

Propper, who is also managing director of Osem International, received the award from British Ambassador David Manning. Propper chaired the organization from 1992 until 1996. *David Harris*

Survey: Haredi families spend less per person

The average monthly expenditure by haredi families on food is NIS 1,940, some 15 percent more than other households, but less per person, as their average household size is 5.55 people compared with 3.31 people in the general population, according to a survey of haredi food spending habits conducted by the Geocartography Institute for the Manufacturers Association.

Some 81% of haredim periodically make one large shopping trip, while 19% do their shopping daily.

Fifty-four percent of haredim make their large shopping trips to a specific store because of its low prices; 20% chose the store because it is close to home. Only 10% chose their "favorite" store on the basis of its kosher certification.

Sixty-eight percent of haredi households shop in haredi food chains, while only 13% shop in stores without a haredi affiliation. Some 22% shop periodically in minimarkets and small groceries, while 12% frequent open-air markets.

The survey also found that only 16% of haredim shop with coupons or take advantage of other special discounts, compared to 29% of the general population. *Nina Gilbert*

Ministry approves \$26.8m. in investments

The Industry and Trade Ministry's Investment Center approved capital investment aid requests this week for 16 industrial investment plans valued at a total of \$26.8 million.

For Polgat, the ministry approved assistance for the expansion of Polgat's factories for production of men's clothing in Beersheba and Kiryat Gat at an investment of \$8.96m.

A \$2.85 million investment was approved for Magic Software Enterprises, for the expansion of its production facility. The Or Yehuda-based company develops and produces Web application development systems. *Nina Gilbert*

Swatch threatens US boycott

The Swatch Group, the world's largest watchmaker, said it may boycott US products if US local governments carry out threats to boycott Swiss businesses. *Neue Zuercher Zeitung* reported yesterday.

The Biel, Switzerland-based company said it will ask the cantons in which it produces watches to support possible boycotts. In 1997, Swatch generated about 13 percent of its sales in the Americas, while Europe, its biggest market, accounted for 56% of its sales.

According to a survey by Isopublic/Gallup International, the majority of Swiss people favor some kind of diplomatic response to threats by US local governments to boycott Swiss businesses unless Switzerland's biggest banks reach a settlement of lawsuits brought by Holocaust victims. *Bloomberg*

Blue Square Co-op fined for charging more than marked price

Sharansky legislation would give stiffer penalties

By NINA GILBERT

Co-op Blue Square has been fined NIS 30,500 by Tel Aviv Magistrates Court for misleading customers by selling at prices higher than marked.

During checks at Co-op branches, Industry and Trade Ministry inspectors found that in 17 stores, in Tel Aviv, Lod, Ashdod, Ramat Hasharon, Holon, Petah Tikva, Or Yehuda, and Ness Ziona, prices on the shelves and/or affixed to the products did not match those charged at the register.

Co-op Blue Square CEO Yacov Gelbard responded to the affair by saying that the discrepancies were a result of human error in marking prices, while the computer codes on products contain the accurate cost. Blue Square is the country's largest retailer, with 137 supermarkets.

The price discrepancies found by the inspectors included Argaman wine, listed at NIS 11.90 but sold for NIS 13.99; canned pickles marked NIS 6.58 but sold at NIS 6.98; black olives marked NIS 5.40 but charged at NIS 6.15; sesame

teahna was NIS 4.55 versus NIS 6.99; and children's shampoo was marked NIS 13.49 but sold for NIS 16.49.

In finding Co-op guilty of 17 violations of the law, Judge Moshe Shamai said "consumers, when considering whether to buy a product, are primarily influenced by the price compared with other stores. Most consumers don't check their bills after leaving the store and won't know whether they have paid more than they had planned."

Shamai said the violation involves numerous products and

results "in a cumulative profit at the expense of innocent consumers."

Under revisions to the Consumer Protection Law drafted by Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky, the maximum fine for corporations and repeat offenders would be NIS 400,000, similar to fines in the Antitrust Law. The fines have not been updated in the past 16 years. The legislation has been approved by the government and sent to the Knesset for a first reading.

Sharansky's move is part of his campaign to boost consumer protection in the country. Earlier this year, the Knesset approved his changes to the price-labeling regulations, which take effect on July 23. Under the revisions, all packaged food products except for bagged and long-life milk must have prices affixed to them.

Gelbard blamed the price-labeling regulations for the price discrepancies. "Selling products via computerized register systems and at the same time being required to affix prices to products manually creates an impossible situation for human error," he said.



Down and out in Johannesburg

A man begs for money outside the First National Bank in Rosebank, Johannesburg, South Africa yesterday. The rand swung violently yesterday as markets delivered a stinging thumbs-down to news that the new governor of South Africa's central bank will be a senior ANC politician.

First-half tax revenues up 0.3%

By DAVID HARRIS

Receipts from taxation and other fees increased 0.3 percent in the first half of the year to NIS 56.3 billion from the same period last year, the Treasury said yesterday.

Analysts said this is still well down on internal Finance Ministry estimates, for the most part because of the worse-than-anticipated slowdown in the economy.

The newly named Income Tax and Land Tax Department reported an overall 1.7% rise in revenues to NIS 31.4b. On the property side, income is down 5%, reflecting the slowdown in the construction industry.

The Customs and VAT Department, meanwhile, raised NIS 23.5b., down 1.3%.

The remainder of the money collected in the form of various fees showed a 4.9% downturn on the performance in the first half.

In June, 10,330 vehicles were imported, down 19% from June 1997. Since January, 57,887 vehicles have been imported, down 10%.

Since the start of the year there have been increases in imports of video players (33.5%), televisions (16.8%) and refrigerators (6.9%), offset by falls in imports of washing machines (5.2%) and dishwashers (2.8%).

Hashimoto waffles on tax cut as elections near

By KEN BELSON

TOKYO (Bloomberg) — Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto, facing national elections this weekend and an economy in recession, is waffling on cutting income taxes — for good reason.

Japan ran its largest general account budget deficit since 1981 during the year that ended March 31, the Finance Ministry said.

That came as the government collected 2,229 trillion yen (\$15.9 billion) less in taxes than anticipated, its first shortfall in four years.

Sales and corporate taxes

plummeted, the result of the three tax increases Hashimoto helped institute last year.

The higher taxes were part of Japan's efforts to reduce its deficit, which is one of the highest in the industrialized world.

Hashimoto flip-flopped on cutting taxes several times last week, a sign he is having trouble balancing the nation's short-term and long-term needs.

Voters head to the polls Sunday as Hashimoto and his Liberal Democratic Party try to reclaim a majority in the upper house of the Diet for the first time since 1989. The LDP is seven seats short of a majority in that less powerful chamber.

Public holds less foreign currency

By DAN GERSTENFELD

Holdings in foreign currency fell at the end of 1997 to only 10.3 percent of the public's financial assets, according to a report that the Bank of Israel's Monetary Department published yesterday.

Despite the liberalization in foreign currency regulations, the public has lowered foreign currency holdings, which represented some 17.4% of the financial assets during the early '90s. The central bank noted, however, that in May foreign currency holdings rose slightly to 10.7%.

The bank said that the decline stems from the fact that savers have lowered their holdings in foreign currency deposits and foreign currency-linked savings.

This is mainly attributed to a fall in investments in dollar-linked saving plans, despite the fact that those long-term savings are exempted from tax and that short-term deposits are taxable.

The report shows also that the foreign currency liberalization led to a rise in investments abroad, which amounts to about a quarter of the public's foreign currency assets.

Leumi to launch 4 mutual funds

By Jerusalem Post Staff

Bank Leumi will launch four new mutual funds specializing in money markets, Euro, dollar and equity, according to Bank Leumi Switzerland director-general Meir Grosz.

Leumi Switzerland already is recruiting specialists for this purpose, in consultation with the Price Waterhouse accounting firm, in order to determine the ideal location for such a company in terms of taxation.

The leading prospective locations are Luxembourg and Ireland. The bank also intends to set up a special investment committee composed of executives from its overseas companies. This committee is expected to open another fund in January that would specialize in investments in Israel and abroad.

The bank representatives believe that in the wake of the currency liberalization program and globalization, a growing number of Israelis would be interested in

investing abroad.

The bank says that the establishment of the fund would save customers the commissions they would have paid had they approached the market in person. At this stage, profits earned through such funds are not subject to special taxation.

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Building Blocks

By Nina Gilbert

The worst of the real-estate slowdown is yet to come, according to economists at the Meitav financial consultancy and brokerage firm.

Purchase and rental prices for apartments are expected to drop in real terms by 3 percent to 5% this year, according to a report by Meitav economists on developments in the economy. This drop is expected to reduce the consumer price index by 0.6% to 1% in 1998.

According to their appraisal, the real-estate slowdown will continue in all areas this year, including commercial, office and industrial space and housing. The economists attribute the slowdown to the general state of the economy, including government fiscal and monetary policy, the impasse in the peace process and the decline in tourism.

Despite the slowdown in the housing market, demand for one-room and small apartments has been stable, according to a report by the RE/MAX real-estate agency's research department. These apartments, whose yields are higher compared to bigger apartments, remain an attractive avenue for investors, the agency said.

The supply of these apartments is limited, since their construction has not been encouraged by authorities and in many areas zoning regulations do not allow construction of one-room apartments. The recent law requiring the construction of security rooms in every apartment has also made the building of studio and small apartments less worthwhile and more complicated. These apartments are in great demand by students and singles, and in the Tel Aviv area, the agency says there is a trend toward dividing up large apartments into studios.

Studio and small apartments are also becoming more popular in luxury buildings, for vacationers and those who want to live in central areas, the agency noted. In the center of Tel Aviv, 20-30 sq.m. studio apartments cost about \$100,000 to \$130,000 and rent for between \$480 and \$550. In Jerusalem and Ra'anana, the apartments cost an average of

\$110,000 to \$130,000. In the capital they rent for about \$300 to \$550 and in Ra'anana for about \$300 to \$450.

HERZLIYA

An Israeli businessman has purchased a home for some \$6 million in The Island project at the Herzliya Marina. The buyer bought two penthouses and is to combine them into a home of some 970 sq.m. The home is to have a private elevator.

An Israeli contractor has also bought a four-room 150-sq.m. apartment for \$580,000 in a deal that included space for his boat in the marina. The project is being built on a 300-meter-long strip of land surrounding waterways that has been reclaimed from the Mediterranean sea.

The island is being designed as a private community, in which access is to be for residents only. The project, being marketed by Anglo-Saxon Herzliya, is scheduled to be completed in three years. Sales in the project, a joint venture of the Or-Yam Group, controlled by Ted Arison and Shikun Ovidim, are expected to amount to \$300m. The residential complex, built around a private avenue, includes a health spa and indoor pool.

A five-room duplex on Rehov Ben-Gurion was sold for \$225,000 by RE/MAX. The asking price for the apartment, on the third floor without an elevator, was \$260,000. In Herzliya Hatz'ira, a six-room apartment with a garden was sold for \$360,000. The apartment, which has a basement, is new. The asking price was \$390,000.

On Rehov Zalman Shimon, a six-year-old five-room apartment facing a park was sold for \$280,000 by Century 21.

The asking price was \$295,000. The 140-sq.m. apartment is on the third floor with an elevator and has double parking.

On Rehov Sokolov, a three-room 100-sq.m. apartment was sold for \$160,000 by the agency. The apartment, in excellent condition, is on the third floor without an elevator, but has parking. The asking price was \$172,000.

Hand-to-hand combat

Armed with new software for pocket computers, multibillion-dollar Microsoft is fighting to capture the electronic-organizer market, dominated until now by 3Com's PalmPilot

By ANTHONY EFFINGER and SCOTT LAMMAN

Computer programmer Dan Devlin was running late for a flight home from a consulting job.

He pulled out his Palm III organizer, dialed up the Internet and bought his ticket online, avoiding a wait at the airport.

That's just one reason Devlin always carries the latest model of 3Com Corp.'s popular PalmPilot pocket-sized computer.

He's equipped his with a wireless modem, Web-browsing software and lots of free programs retrieved online, including a spreadsheet for tracking and billing his work hours.

Devlin's loyalty is about to be tested. Microsoft Corp. is swagging into the \$1 billion market for electronic organizers with software that runs look-alikes made by Casio Computer Co., Everex Systems Inc. and others. It's poured millions of dollars into development and offered free copies of its new Windows 98 personal-computer software to lure buyers.

"This is the hardest marketing battle (the PalmPilot) has faced," said Mike McGuire, an analyst at market researcher Dataquest. "They finally have a competitor." Not just any competitor. The top PC-software maker marshaled years of experience with its ubiquitous Windows operating system to design the new software, a stripped-down version called Windows CE.

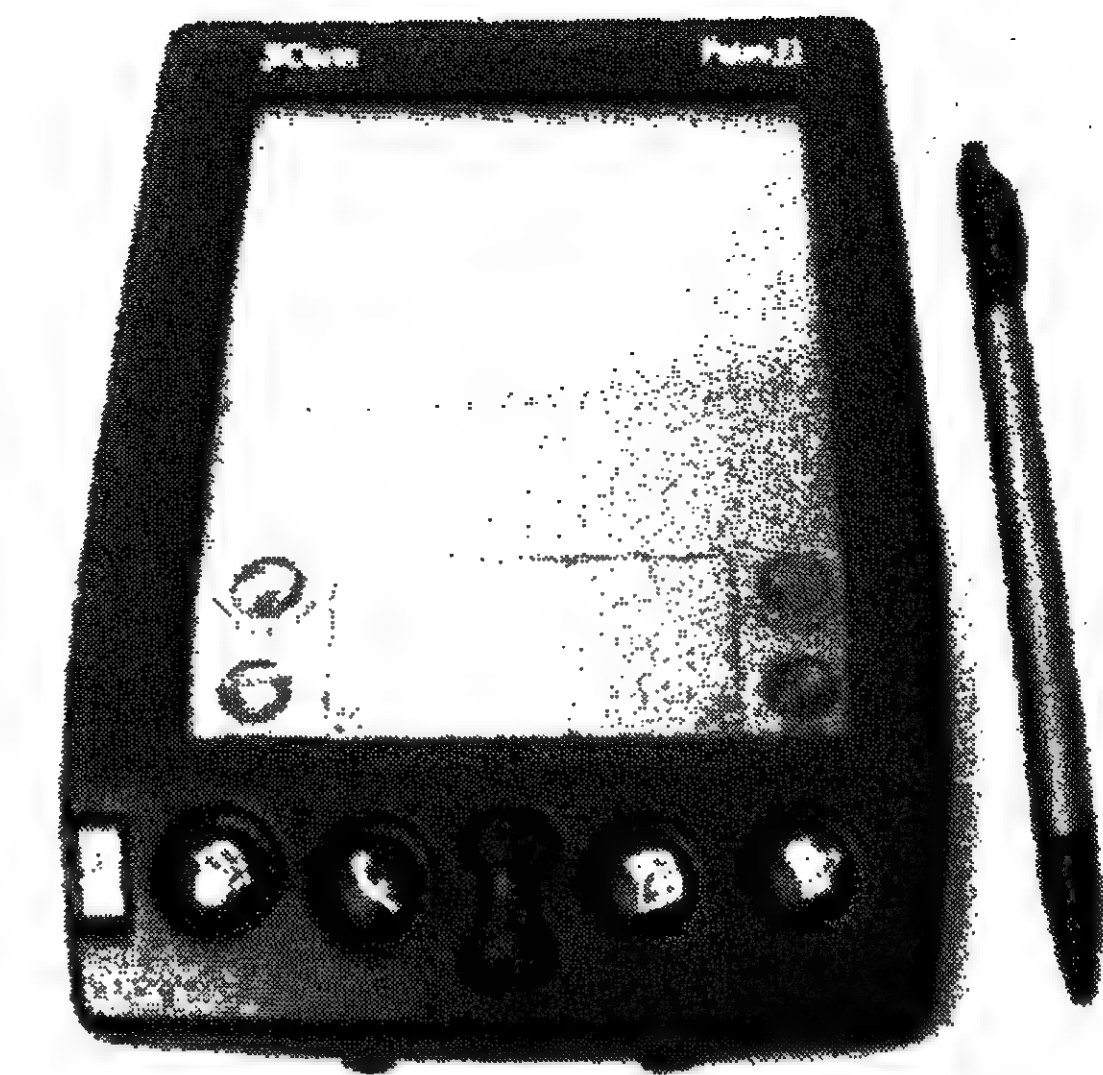
Microsoft is looking to the handheld devices to spur sales of CE, which can run everything from television set-top boxes to car navigation systems, but hasn't been a barn-burner so far.

With \$12b. in cash, Redmond, Washington-based Microsoft has a huge arsenal to attack 3Com in palm computing.

It's signed seven companies to use Windows CE in palm-sized devices, which went on sale in early June.

The CE-driven devices have many of the same features as the Palm III, including a datebook, address book, message pad and capacity for games like Solitaire.

The Palm III and the rival Windows machines are all about 13 cm. long, 8 cm. wide, and a half-centimeter thick. They weigh



Like the Palm III (above), the Windows devices have screens that respond to the touch of a special stylus; users spell out words and write numbers on the screen, or tap them out using the stylus on an on-screen keyboard that pops up on demand.

about 185 grams, the same as a good-sized apple (the fruit, not the computer). The Palm III has a flip-top cover that can be removed. Most sell in the US for about \$399.

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The strong similarities spurred a legal fight. 3Com sued Microsoft in March in Europe, saying the

software powerhouse's "PalmPC" name was too close to 3Com's PalmPilot. They settled, and now the Microsoft devices are called "Palm-size PCs." In addition to Casio and Everex, Samsung Electronics Co. and LG Electronics of South Korea, Philips Electronics NV of the Netherlands, Uniden Corp. of Japan and closely held Palmmax Technology Co. of Taiwan also make CE-based machines.

ONE AREA where Microsoft's millions seem to have produced an improvement is handwriting recognition.

Instead of learning a special script called Graffiti for the Palm III, users of Casio's Cassiopeia can write in regular letters. The only ones that sometimes evade recognition are K's, I's, and others formed in multiple pen strokes.

Handwriting aside, though, most reviewers say the Palm III is faster and easier to use. That's been PalmPilot's strength since it was unveiled as the Palm 1000 in early 1996.

Inventor Jeff Hawkins's prototype was a block of wood cut to fit in his shirt pocket that he pretended was a tiny computer.

Since then, the strategy has been to keep the Palm unfettered by fancier functions that would slow down its tiny microprocessor.

Ease-of-use helped the PalmPilot fend off competition from Windows CE 1.0, an earlier program that Microsoft rushed out to power small machines with compact keyboards that are more similar to a laptop PC than to a PalmPilot.

The PalmPilot trounced those last year, winning about 55.5 percent of the market for all hand- and palm-sized devices, according to PC Data Inc. That compares with 10.2% for Casio and 6.8% for Hewlett-Packard Co., both of which shipped CE-based machines.

Some say the newest version of CE is still too complicated.

"To schedule a meeting, it takes two or three more pen strokes than on the PalmPilot," said Randy Giusto, an analyst at International Data Corp.

3Com is expected to account for more than 60% of the palm-sized market through 2000, according to Gartner Group Inc.

3Com's biggest advantage in staving off an attack by Microsoft may be the 1.6 million Palm devices already sold and the huge number of programs written for them.

Software engineers and hackers alike have devised games, Web browsers, and programs that keep track of golf scores. There's even a Chinese operating system for Palm products. Most of the new software can be downloaded quickly from the Internet.

Claire Pieterik, a Denver computer-network consultant, spends two or three hours a day on her Palm III. Now, she's learning to write a Japanese alphabet using the device.

Julian Koh of Evanston, Illinois, hadn't read a Sherlock Holmes story since grade school. Then he downloaded several Sir Arthur Conan Doyle tales formatted for his new Palm III.

Now the 23-year-old computer engineer unloosens mysteries regularly on the unit's screen, which measures 5.5 cm. by 5.5 cm. inches—about a fifth the size of a standard paperback.

"It's pretty small," Koh said of the Palm III. "But once you get into the story, it just becomes automatic." (Bloomberg)

Making a case for mediation

A lawyer and American émigré has made it his business to help opposing parties reach a solution that is good for both sides – without having to step inside a courtroom

By NICKY BLACKBURN

Last year in Israel over one million cases went before the courts. This year the figure could be even higher. For a population of five million, that's not a sum to be proud of, suggests Ori Levy, CEO of Mediation and Negotiation Ltd. – especially since many of these cases could be solved faster, more easily and certainly more cheaply out of court.

Levy, an eager 31-year-old, founded Mediation and Negotiation in August 1996 and has already resolved tens of disputes. The company's aim is to conduct objective negotiations between two opposing parties in order to come to a solution that is good for both sides without having to step inside a courtroom.

As Levy puts it: "The company hopes to find the golden path between circumstantially hostile parties in the aim of reaching a win-win situation mutually agreeable to both parties." While disagreements can include anything from divorces to land disputes, Levy focuses mostly on business feuds.

In one recent case, Levy, who has offices in Tel Aviv and employs a team of three lawyers and two professional mediators, helped resolve a conflict between two furniture manufacturers who had been trying to dissolve their partnership for some years.

The two men, who had originally gone into business together 27 years earlier, had tried to split up three times before Levy got involved. Each time they had gone to court, spent tens of thousands of shekels and then backed out because the cost was starting to have a negative impact on their company.

"This was a profitable business, but they had just had enough of each other," explains Levy. "When they took their case to court, however, they had to sink a lot of the company's earnings into the case, and they faced a situation where they might have had to lay off employees. If they had gone on long enough, there would have been no company left. It was like a war."

With Levy's help, the two battling sides came to an agreement acceptable to both in less than three months. "The discussions took place over coffee," says Levy. "There was no pressure. Each side could talk and decide what they wanted to do. No employee was laid off. In fact, they actually hired more staff."

LEVY decided to open Mediation and Negotiation, which is a subsidiary of the American company Negotiator Pro Co. and uses many of its techniques and know-how, while he was studying computer engineering at Hofstra University on Long Island.



As people come to understand what mediation can and cannot do, there will be a slow departure from settling all disputes in overburdened Israeli courts, which have tried one million cases last year alone.

"I realized that all over the world the normal system is alternative dispute resolution, but in Israel everything was done through the court. As a result, the system is overloaded, more so than in the US or in Britain," he says.

Armed with this knowledge, he returned to Israel in 1994 and began exploring the field. For two years he managed the family business, Aaron Levy and Sons 1956 Ltd., a General Motors dealership. Then in 1996, he set up the mediation company.

So what makes Levy's system so different? "We don't look at the past and examine who did what or who's to blame or who made a mistake, like they do in court," explains Levy. "Instead 80 percent of the time we look toward the future to see what we can do. Judges must look at the broad picture. Mediation takes care of a specific problem right there and then."

For companies that want to keep their affairs out of the public eye, mediation, says Levy, is also the best option. "The first thing a company will do if it wants to do business with another one is to investigate its potential partner. They look for law suits. Companies that come through us have no such records. The company can be involved in a really big dispute and no one will know about it. This is very important to business."

Another important plus factor, says Levy, is that you can control the results. "In mediation, if you agree or disagree with the solu-

tion, you don't have to make an instant decision but can go away and think about it. You can take all the time in the world to decide whether or not it's a good solution for you.

"In court, you can be very right but once you go in, you can never know what's going to happen."

In addition, the cost of talking it through in mediation is about five to 10% of the price of a lawsuit. This bill is spread between the two sides, and everyone knows in advance how much it will cost. "In a law suit no one can guess what the price will be," says Levy.

Despite his enthusiasm, however, Levy acknowledges that mediation can't solve everyone's problems. In some 30-35% of cases, mediation just doesn't work. "Sometimes people are convinced that they can't find a solution, other times the parties aren't honest and just try to use mediation to win some time, and of course, sometimes the problems are just too difficult to solve," says Levy.

In cases such as these the option of going to court always remains open. "You don't block yourself from any other solutions in this kind of mediation," he says.

WHEN LEVY first introduced mediation to Israel he was met with a great deal of skepticism. "I was a pioneer," says Levy. "In the beginning people didn't understand the concept or how they could solve a problem out

of court. The country wasn't ready for it. But now everyone is working toward it."

Indeed mediation has become such a popular concept that the Israeli justice system is now developing its own scheme whereby parties can mediate their differences in court. Levy, however, remains deeply critical.

"They're making a big mistake," he says. "They've got a new toy, but they don't really know how to operate it. All along they've consulted with people on the theoretical, rather than practical side, which means they've lost any sense of proportion. If you ask them what the disadvantages of mediation are they couldn't tell you."

"They are trying to develop mediation in court, but by its nature it's supposed to be out of court. It's a fatal mistake to try to mediate there because it's a process with a lot of force. They put all the different sides into a room and insist that they reach an agreement. They threaten."

Aside from the new court system, Levy says his company lacks any real competitors. "Only lawyers, unfortunately," he says.

While Israel may be lagging behind other countries such as Britain, Australia and the US, which have been using mediation companies for more than 25 years, Levy believes mediation suits the Israeli personality.

"In the US if someone has a problem, he will usually walk away. He hasn't got the patience. Israelis on the other hand are very much into discussion and trying to solve problems in alternative ways."

"Often when someone comes to mediation, we have to make the first contact with the other side. Many people think this contact will be very difficult and that the other party won't want to listen. In actual fact, we find that people here really want to negotiate."

This does not mean, however, that mediation is about to sweep Israel's courts clean. In fact, forecasts Levy, the recent involvement of the courts is likely to set the ball rolling in the opposite direction.

"I don't see a particularly rosy future for mediation in Israel," says Levy. "The court system is taking this field in the wrong direction. There won't suddenly be a big breakthrough where everyone will begin solving their disputes through mediation. It's going to happen slowly as people talk about it and come to understand what mediation can and cannot do."

"We're going to wait for the market to mature. We are developing and growing, but we want to do it carefully. Justice for people is a sensitive issue, and we are not trying to push it or market it too toughly. We want to grow with the market."

Think small

Over the decades, small stocks outperformed big ones in most years. In the past 12 years, though, big stocks blasted away the little ones eight times.

That means small stocks are overdue for a comeback. What's more, small stocks are cheaper than big ones now, an unusual event.

Traditionally, small stocks sell for higher price/earnings ratios than big ones, says Jim Floyd of Leuthold Group, a Minneapolis research firm. That's because small companies ordinarily have faster earnings growth. Today, Floyd calculates that small stock valuations are 23 percent below those of their big brethren.

I believe his statistics, partly because of the "feel" of the market. To me, it feels harder and harder to find bargains among large-capitalization stocks. I am still able to find a sprinkling of smaller stocks that seem like values, though.

In late May, I wrote a column titled "Little stocks like Powell are the value plays now." In that column, I recommended such small stocks as Powell Industries Inc. (electrical control equipment), Kaman Corp. (helicopters and guitars, believe it or not), and RMI Titanium Co. (By way of disclosure, my firm owns shares in RMI, and I personally own shares in Powell and Kaman.)

The propelling principle behind those recommendations is bargain hunting. In Floyd's recent list of "emerging growth" stocks, the driving force is blistering growth.

To make Floyd's emerging growth list, a company must have been public for less than seven years. Its stock-market value must be between \$250 million and \$750m., with

average daily trading volume of at least 15,000 shares. Annual earnings growth from 1994 through 1998 must be at least 25%. (The 1998 earnings, of course, are estimates.) In practice, the average earnings growth rate is about 60%.

Floyd's list, 77 stocks long, is full of hot little

stocks that are too expensive for me. However, it also contains a few that even a bargain hunter like me can love.

Consider Chart Industries Inc., based in Mayfield Heights, Ohio. It makes industrial

process equipment for cold environments. For example, it makes cryogenic tanks, heat exchangers and cold boxes. One use of such equipment is to cool gases and hydrocarbons so they can be transported.

At \$15, Chart Industries shares sell for only 13 times recent earnings (\$1.13 a share) and 12 times estimated 1998 earnings (\$1.25). Annual sales and earnings have both been growing lately at about a 30% clip. The Bloomberg recommendation database lists only two analysts who cover it; both call it a "buy."

Even cheaper is Essex International Inc., a Fort Wayne, Indiana, company that makes electrical wire, cable and insulation. Sound like a mature business? Somebody forgot to tell Essex. Its sales grew to \$1.7 billion in 1997 from \$1.2b. in 1995. Earnings rose to \$84.0m. from \$10.3m. (or to \$3.03 a share from 48 cents).

But there's no glamour in cable and wire, so Essex, which was brought public last year by Goldman Sachs & Co., goes for only eight times the past four quarters' earnings. Only three firms besides Goldman cover the stock. They all rate it a "hold," while Goldman rates it a "buy." (Bloomberg)

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Golden goal change being considered

PARIS (Reuters) — The first "golden goal" of the World Cup finals has been scored but FIFA is still looking at other ways of resolving a soccer stalemate.

FIFA spokesman Keith Cooper, asked on Sunday about any future formats, said the world body was constantly deliberating further refinements to a system that currently stops play as soon as an extra time goal is scored.

"There is another suggestion on the table which for many people is a favorite," he revealed, which softens the sudden death nature of the golden goal.

"Namely, if a match goes to extra time you play 30 minutes in any case.

"If no goals are scored in extra time, you take a penalty shootout. If team A scores one goal against team B in extra time then team A wins after 30 minutes of extra time.

"If both team A and team B score the same number of goals each in extra time then the team which has scored the first goal is

the winner," Cooper said the idea had "quite a body of support" because it encouraged both teams in extra time to go for goal and contrary to the current golden goal scenario it did not kill the match off immediately but kept a door open.

"The other team has then got to score two because if they equalize they are still at a disadvantage to the team that has scored first.

"There is quite a body of support for this but it is still very much at the discussion stage," Cooper said.

The golden goal format, with the winner being the first team to score in extra time, was first tried out at the world youth championships in Australia in 1993 and used in France for the first time at a World Cup.

It has also been extended to the Olympics, the Confederations Cup and the European championship.

Fittingly perhaps, the hosts have been the only beneficiaries so far with Laurent Blanc scoring a winner six minutes from time against Paraguay in the second round.

Denmark star Brian Laudrup quits

COPENHAGEN (AP) — Brian Laudrup, Denmark's key striker, has decided to quit soccer three days after Denmark lost 3-2 to Brazil in a World Cup quarterfinal. Danish radio said yesterday.

Laudrup is leaving at the same time as his older brother, Michael, who ended his 17-year career after the tournament in France.

FIFA tells players to stop diving

PARIS (Reuters) — The World Cup can be a springboard to greatness but FIFA issued a warning on Sunday to players who attempt to dive or act their way to victory.

"There does seem to be a little bit of an epidemic of it at the moment," said FIFA spokesman Keith Cooper after Argentina's Ariel Ortega was booked in the quarter-final against the Netherlands on Saturday for taking a dive.

His theatrical plunge could have earned the South Americans a match-winning penalty in the 88th minute.

But instead the influential playmaker was booked and then sent off for headbutting goalkeeper Edwin van der Sar who renounced with him. The red card earned him a three-match ban.

Cooper backed the experienced Mexican referee Arturo Brizio Carter for producing the yellow and red cards.

"His cheating, it's a yellow card," he said.

Ortega's acting was the latest of several Oscar winning performances at the tournament, some punished and others not, that showed goalkeepers do not have a monopoly on

diving.

Cooper said FIFA was concerned about the incidents and what he called "reciprocal cheating".

"It's one of those things that escalates. I do it to you and you do it back to me. All you can do is to appeal to their sense of fair play that they don't start it.

"Once it starts, it spreads very very quickly like a wildfire. The referee has to stop it at the beginning or attempt to do so. It's very difficult," said Cooper.

"A lot of players are damned good at it, it's not easy to distinguish between a genuine foul and a dive."

Argentine captain Diego Simeone has taken a starring role in several of the incidents as the leading actor responsible for two sendings off and winning one penalty.

Simeone was the man who got England's David Beckham sent off in the second round clash after the Argentine player had felled the midfielder and also got Dutch defender Arthur Numan dismissed on Saturday afternoon.

Beckham had kicked Simeone in retaliation while he was lying on the pitch and the Argentine fell back wards.

"I think he made a mistake," said Pele afterwards of Danish referee Kim Nielsen. "I don't think he saw

the incident properly and Simeone is a very good actor."

Simeone's own Inter Milan team mate Gianluca Pagliuca, the Italian goalkeeper, agreed with that: "I know Simeone well and he made a drama out of it." The Dutch had complained about divers long before they lost Numan, complaining about Mexican actors in the first round.

Striker Luis Hernandez drew particular ire in another incident involving Numan when he took a dive in the penalty area as the ball ran away from him and the defender bore down.

Numan already had a yellow card at that point.

"He tried to get me sent off," he said later.

"It's very irritating what these guys do," added Jaap Stam.

"They are on the floor writhing, trying to stick you up." The Dutch also fell victim to the Belgian Lorenzo Staelens in the first round in an incident that had Patrick Kluyvert sent off. Kluyvert was in the wrong for elbowing the Belgian, who nonetheless crashed to the ground as if knocked out.

Cooper said he was surprised to hear of one coach who told his players "if you get a chance to do it, do it." "That is something we can only totally condemn."

SPORTS

in brief

Wilson is new Sheffield Wednesday manager

SHEFFIELD (Reuters) — Danny Wilson was confirmed as the new manager of English premier league club Sheffield Wednesday yesterday.

Wilson, a former Wednesday player, was unveiled as the new Hillsborough boss just hours after quitting as manager of first division Barnsley.

John Hendrie takes over as player-manager at Barnsley, who were relegated from the premier league last season.

Wednesday have been looking for a new manager since parting company with Ron Atkinson in May.

O'Sullivan loses prize money after testing positive

LONDON (Reuters) — British snooker player Ronnie O'Sullivan has forfeited prize money of £61,000 after a positive test for cannabis. O'Sullivan tested positive for cannabis in a random test last March.

A statement from the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association yesterday said O'Sullivan was automatically disqualified from the Irish Masters, in which he had been playing when the positive sample was taken. The runner-up (Ken Doherty) now becomes the winner of the tournament.

Rinus Michels 'stable' after heart attack

PARIS (Reuters) — Rinus Michels, the coach who guided the Netherlands to the 1974 World Cup final, was in a "stable condition" in hospital yesterday after suffering a heart attack.

Michels, 70, was the mastermind of the Netherlands' "Total Football" philosophy of the 1970s and the man who laid the foundations for Ajax Amsterdam's emergence as a major club with their European cup successes of the early 1970s.

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McGwire set for All-Star launch Gonzalez breaks 100 RBI mark

DENVER (AP) — Imagine the NBA holding a slam-dunk contest on a 9-foot hoop or golfers playing the US Open on a par-3 course. That's what last night's All-Star Home Run Derby was set to look like with some of baseball's biggest sluggers launching balls in this high-elevation city.

"To me, that's going to be the highlight of this whole All-Star Game," said San Diego's Tony Gwynn. The game itself will be played Tuesday.

In this, the Year of the Homer in baseball, there is no more fitting venue to host St. Louis' Mark McGwire and the other long-ball contestants than Coors Field, where more homers have been hit the past two seasons than in any other major league ballpark.

The most likely participants are: McGwire, Atlanta's Chipper Jones and Andres Galarza, and Colorado's Vinny Castilla for the NL; Seattle's Alex Rodriguez, Cleveland's Jim Thome, Detroit's Damon Easley, Baltimore's Rafael Palmeiro and Anaheim's Darin Erstad in the AL.

Ken Griffey Jr. of the Seattle Mariners, leading the AL in homers, announced last month that he would skip this year's event because it messes with his swing. And the Cubs' Sammy Sosa, who set a record with 20 homers in June, had to pull out Sunday with a sore left shoulder.

Still, Sosa was planning to attend the festivities in Denver as a spectator.

"You know me, I want to be there," he said. "I'll be there watching McGwire."

McGwire should test the laws of gravity and may crush the stadium record for the longest homer, a

496-shot belonging to Mike Piazza. In fact, some of the restaurants and art galleries surrounding Coors Field may want to board up some windows with Big Mac coming to town.

And although Sosa and Griffey — who with McGwire will be chasing Roger Maris' record of 61 homers — won't be participating, the St. Louis first baseman was looking forward to his sixth home-run contest.

"I've enjoyed it. I think that's probably the best part of the All-Star game," he said. "Everybody has their own opinions about it, but I enjoy it. I'm sure they have their reasons (for pulling out)."

Before the homers start flying, manager Jim Leyland and the AL's Mike Hargrove were set to announce their lineups and starting pitchers for the 69th All-Star game.

Atlanta's Greg Maddux (12-2) is expected to be Leyland's choice while Yankees left-hander David Wells (11-2) may get the nod from Hargrove.

Also yesterday, four teams — each made up of a celebrity, a major league rookie and a retired All-Star — will compete in a new event, the MCI Hitting Challenge. Denver Broncos quarterback John Elway, actor Kevin Costner, George Brett, Andre Dawson, Dave Kingman and Robin Yount are some of the participants.

They'll serve as a prelude to the big boys, who'll be taking aim at the Rockies, a section of seats in deep, straightaway center field.

"I had a great time last year," Jones said. "I'll go out and embarrass myself again. I know I'm not going to win but I'll go out and try to hit one in the third deck."



PIGGYBACK — Chicago Cubs' Matt Mieske (front) collides with teammate Jose Hernandez while chasing down a fly ball hit by Pirates' Al Martin in fourth-inning action at Wrigley Field. The ball fell for a double. (Reuters)



MR. T. — Sid Luckman, Chicago Bears quarterback who helped develop the T-formation offense.

Hall of Fame QB Sid Luckman at 81

CHICAGO (AP) — Hall of Fame quarterback Sid Luckman, who led the Chicago Bears to four National Football League championships in the 1940s, died Sunday. He was 81.

In his 12 seasons with the Bears, Luckman became the team's career leader in touchdowns with 137, and yards gained — 14,686.

Luckman, who was Jewish, once said he wanted three sentences on his tombstone: "He had it all. He did it all. He loved it all."

He is credited for having developed the T-formation offense.

Luckman died at Aventura Hospital in North Miami Beach, Florida, where he was a patient. The cause of death was not given.

Born in New York in 1916, Luckman attended Erasmus Hall High School in the city's Brooklyn borough. He went to Columbia University where he earned All-America status as a senior in 1938.

Luckman made the cover of Life Magazine in his senior year, with the headline, "Best Player," printed under his picture.

Bears owner George Halas traded two players and a draft choice to the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1939 to acquire the 5-foot-11 inch, 190-lb Luckman.

Halas offered Luckman the highest salary ever paid by the team at the time, \$5,000 a year.

Luckman played his first game against the New York Giants in 1939, a 16-14 loss.

LaTroy Hawkins struggled but won his first game in three weeks, as host Minnesota salvaged the final game of their three-game series.

Todd Walker hit his seventh homer off Brian Moehler (8-6) and Ron Coomer drove in two runs for the Twins, who enter the All-Star break in second place in the AL Central, 10 1/2 games behind Cleveland.

Athletics 5, Angels 4

Kevin Mitchell homered in the top of the eighth to tie the game and walked with the bases loaded in the ninth to force in the winning run.

It was the fourth straight win for Oakland, which swept the Angels in Anaheim for the first time since 1991. The Angels have lost five straight but head into the All-Star break atop the AL West.

In AL games reported in yesterday's edition:

Yankees 1, Orioles 0

David Cone became the second 12-game winner in the American League as host New York matched the best 81-game start in major league history.

New York won its sixth straight, 10th in the last 11 games and improved to 61-20 matching the record of the 1902 Pittsburgh Pirates and the 1907 Chicago Cubs.

Cone (12-2) allowed seven hits in eight innings and struck out four. He did not issue a walk for the third straight start.

Career Strikeout Leaders	
(x-active)	
1. Nolan Ryan	5,714
2. Steve Carlton	4,135
3. Bert Blyleven	3,701
4. Tom Seaver	3,640
5. Don Sutton	3,574
6. Gaylord Perry	3,554
7. Walter Johnson	3,509
8. Phil Niekro	3,342
9. Ferguson Jenkins	3,192
10. Bob Gibson	3,117
11. R. Roger Clemens	3,002
12. Jim Bunning	2,855
13. Mickey Lolich	2,832
14. Cy Young	2,818
15. Frank Tomars	2,773
16. Warren Spahn	2,583
17. Bob Feller	2,561
18. Jerry Koosman	2,556
19. Tim Lincecum	2,538
20. Christy Mathewson	2,505
21. Don Drysdale	2,486

There is no one to challenge Sampras

made history on the afternoon, joining Bjorn Borg as the only man to win five Wimbledon titles. Patiently. The only way, it seems, Sampras knows how to do anything. Deliberately.

Maybe too deliberately.

The essence of Sampras is that he has an uncanny way of sizing up a situation. He figures out where he is strongest and his opponent weakest. Then, he pours everything in his being in that direction, but gently, almost too gently, like water out to wear down rocks.

This is not to say Sampras plays a dull, eroding baseline game, though he is probably capable of that, too. But against the wacky, left-handed Goran Ivanisevic on this cool, windswept afternoon, what the situation demanded of Sampras was almost exactly the opposite.

He needed to tighten up his own service game. He had to steal a few more points on Ivanisevic's laser-like serve. He needed to dial in a little more topspin to make his

Biggio homered and Sean Bergman recorded his career-high eighth victory as Houston defeated Arizona.

Padres 7, Rockies 2

Greg Vaughn hit his 29th and 30th homers and Carlos Hernandez hit a three-run homer as host San Diego completed a three-game sweep and moved a club-record 26 games above .500.

Vaughn, having a sensational season after struggling last year, is the 10th San Diego player to hit 30 homers and is just 11 shy of his career-best 41 set in 1996.

Giants 3, Dodgers 0

Brent Mayne broke a scoreless tie with an RBI single in the bottom of the fifth inning and San Francisco went on to blank arch-rival Los Angeles.

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Memphis	000	013	204-9 0 0
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Florida	010	100	000-2 0 0
Houston	000	000	100-1 9 0
Meadows, Mantel (7), Aronsona (9) and Meadows, Mantel (9), (10), Kline (9) and Wicks, W-Meadows, 7-8, C-Parce, 5-9.			
St. Antonio (5).			
Midwest	101	000	100-4 3 0
Philadelphia	300	000	000-2 7 0
Arroyo, Arroyo (7), Lerner (8), Fox (8) and Arroyo, Lerner (8), Lerner (8) and Lerner (8).			
W-Lower, 3-1, E-Led, 4-6, Sw-Muller (17).			
Philadelphia, Rolen (17).			
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(7), Cook (6), J-Franco (6) and Paces, Nagle, R-Springer (8), Lichtenberg (8), Paces (10), Seaman (11) and J-Lopez, Ace-Paces (11).			
W-Seaman, 1-2, J-Franco, 0-2.			
HR-Atlanta, Galarza (28).			
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Chicago	000	000	253-11 7 0
Lieber, Christensen (7), Deshaies (8), Rincon (8), Loeble (8) and Kerner, M-Clark, 2-Patterson (8).			
St. Stevens (6), Beck (8) and Houston, Servais (8).			
W-Stevens, 1-4-L, Loeble, 1-8, Sw-Beck, 1-2.			
HR-Philadelphia, Beck (17).			
Arizona	000	010	000-2 8 1
Houston	000	200	200-5 0 0
Blair, Small (7), Embree (8) and Fabeagas; Johnson, Magnien (8), D-Henry (7), B-Magnien (8) and Ardenia, W-Bernard, 5-4-L-Blair, 5-12.			
St-S-Wagner (20), HR-Houston, Baggio (12), Alon (20).			
Colorado	010	000	001-2 5 0
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Aslanio, Fike (7) and J-Ried; Ashby and C-Hernandez, W-Ashby, 11-16-L, Aslanio, 6-9.			
HR-Colorado, Heller (13), Vander Wolf (4).			
Chicago, G-Vaughn (2) (30), C-Hernandez (7).			
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East Division			
	W	L	Pct.
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Tampa Bay	34	52	.395
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	W	L	Pct.
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Chicago	35	51	.407
Detroit	34	50	.405
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	W	L	Pct.
Anahim	49	37	.570
Yozs	48	39	.552
Oakland	41	45	.477
Seattle	37	51	.420
National League			
East Division			
	W	L	Pct.
Atlanta	59	29	.670
Philadelphia	44	39	.530
Montreal	34	52	.395
Florida	32	55	.368
Central Division			
	W	L	Pct.
Houston	53	34	.609
Chicago	48	39	.552
Midvale	43	42	.506
St. Louis	40	46	.465
Pittsburgh	40	48	.455
Cincinnati	39	50	.438
West Division			
	W	L	Pct.
San Diego	57	31	.648
San Francisco	52	37	.584
Los Angeles	43	44	.494
San Francisco	37	52	.416

